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BRAZIL WANTS LAMOND

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BRAZIL's crack first division side Flamengo has invited Sydney Croatia's young striker Manis Lamond to join them in six weeks time.

The world famous Flamengo club require invitation to the 19 year old striker.

Flamengo's president, Sr George Helal, has extended this fabulous

trains with the fabulous Brazilians.

The written guarantee was handed to Canberra's well-known Soccer personality Mr Charles Perkins, who was recently in South America

on business. Mr Perkins, who is Lamond's guardian, told ASW last night from Canberra: "The Brazilians are very keen to have Manis over there

for a thorough screening. When they are finished with him and he has completely satisfied them they are prepared to offer him a contract.

"In my opinion Manis

couldn't be in better hands. It is his chance of a lifetime."

Lamond will train alongside world stars of the likes of the magnificent Zico and former Brazilian World Cup captain, Socrates.

All airfares and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Flamengo club.

If Lamond comes through the trials and completely satisfies the Flamengo coaching staff, the Sydney Croatia striker, (formerly from Canberra and originally from Papua New Guinea) will be offered a two year contract.

The last four years has seen a mass exodus of young, exciting Australian talent to join top European and British clubs.

Lamond's departure for South America will be the first to that part of the globe by an NSL player.

The first hand experience Lamond will gain playing fulltime with Latin Americans will pay enormous dividends during Australia's crusade for the 1990 World Cup in Rome.

An on the spot interview will be screened on SBS-TV's programme, "Soccerama" next Friday evening with the station's presenter, Les Murray.

EXCLUSIVE

NSL CLUBS IN BIG BLOW UP

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AN INCREASING number of National Soccer League clubs are having second thoughts over the planned cutback from 24 teams to 14 teams in 1987.

Whilst the meeting of the Northern Division and the two Brisbane clubs at the APIA Club next Tuesday is for general and financial purposes, many delegates are not expected to let the matter stand at that.

They say that, on economical grounds, the 14 team league is not a goer.

It is expected to cost clubs in excess of \$40,000 per annum for affiliation and travelling — some estimates range as high as \$60,000.

Some clubs, which already carry large overdrafts, would be putting a millstone around their necks to the extent that they could crash to the detriment of the code.

The NSL engaged a consultant to come up with the necessary sponsorship.

Claims are circulating that this was stated to be the underpinning of the 14 team competition.

No-one knows — but many suspect — just where a deal of the scale required stands at present.

Some clubs are suspicious over the fact that whilst a majority of clubs approved the 14 team league proposed by the ASF working committee on March 15 last, no meeting of the



Mr Charles Perkins
negotiator for Manis.

MANIS LAMOND ... soon off to join Brazil's World famous Flamengo club.

WINFIELD SPONSOR SOCCEROOS AGAIN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE AUSTRALIAN Soccer Federation, at a special breakfast Press Conference today, announced a new sponsorship for the national squad.

Details of the sponsorship were released at the gathering at Sydney's Camperdown Travelodge this morning.

The sponsors, the Winfield cigarette company, pledged a sum of \$2 million to the ASF.

The large cash grant will help finance the Australian squad's campaign to qualify for the 1988 Olympic Games in Korea as well as for the next World Cup campaign in Rome in 1990.

Sir Arthur George, the President of the ASF, has been negotiating with the sponsors over the last five months.

Sir Arthur told ASW this morning:

"The sponsorship value is a very considerable sum and together with many promotional expenses they will undertake, the total package will be in excess of \$2 million."



Sir Arthur George

"With such large financial assistance, it will enable Australia to prepare for the Olympic Games and the 1990 World Cup to the high standard of the last World Cup campaign."

The Winfield sponsorship, continues their involvement with Australian Soccer.

Last year they teamed up with the Australian Socceroos for the two World Cup qualifying matches against Scotland.

CONTENTION has been raging over the vexed question of whether the National Soccer League is better served by retaining the present two points for a win or reverting to the three points which previously applied.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY's opinion is that the case for three points is overwhelming on the score of the entertainment value that it engenders.

If the question is examined on the aspect of whether three points for a win creates a better margin between that three and the one that applies for a draw then the change in differential is arguable.

We face a value judgment. It could be said that the increase should not apply when a game is hard fought and close.

On the figures extracted over a year there is little difference between the placings of clubs no matter whether two win points are awarded or three.

We agree with those who say this. If it was a main criteria there would be no reason to make the change.

However to sit back in the traces on this position is to lose sight of the whole raison d'être of two clubs playing each other in a game of football.

If anyone is of the opinion that NSL teams as a rule go all out this year for two points when they are locked on even goals with 20 minutes remaining we say that our experience is that they would be well off the mark, especially in away games.

Clubs so often have held back. They tend to close up the game, play the ball out, use delaying tactics or waste time with the ball in the attacking corner areas.

When the three point rule was applied the availability of the two extra points flashed in the minds of the players and coaches at the psychological moment.

Players moved forward and games hummed with activity.

They had one point to risk and three to gain. The position of a team that is trailing a goal is very similar indeed.

Football from the playing and coaching viewpoint is about incentives covering such elements as financial rewards and the joy of going out with a win.

The former point certainly applies in professional and semi-professional arenas.

To observe the latter, which has its winning or losing sides, just note the attitudes of the players in the dressing room after the game.

To summarise, as previously stated there is little difference in ultimate teams' point scores over the year where two points or three points are awarded.

But has better entertainment been served up under one scheme or the other.

We contend that the three points gives incentive and extra entertainment, and in the world of competing sports and television cover this aspect is paramount.

Both our own NSL and that august body FIFA will learn this to their peril if it is ignored.

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BRAZIL THREATENS AUSSIES WITH OUTSTANDING DEBT

BRAZIL has threatened Australia with drastic international action if a debt allegedly outstanding to one of their member clubs is not cleared up shortly.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

dent, Mr Calcada, claims that his club is still owed the money by Australia.

The telex also states

that unless Australia quickly resolves the debt the club, with the support of the Brazilian Football Federation, would approach the International Football Association (F.I.F.A.) to seek the suspension or expulsion of the Australian Soccer Federation.

The telex goes on to say that this matter has

become more than a mere embarrassment.

It also states that in Brazil football is their national sport and its leaders have influence far greater than comparable sporting bodies in Australia.

The telex claims that Australia's failure to honour such payment reflects adversely on the bona fides of Australian Soccer and even on Australia's national honour more generally.

President of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George emphatically told ASW last night: "The ASF does not owe Vasco Da Gama a single cent. A company called the ASF Marketing Company still owes them something."

"Besides, we have have submitted a full report to FIFA."

"FIFA is well aware of all the facts of the situation with the South Americans."



HINDMARSH REVAMP ON DRAWING BOARD

ADELAIDE has hit the headlines with two major announcements — one official and the other speculative.

Firstly, SA Soccer Federation secretary, Mr Peter Nikolich, confirmed that a major revamp of Hindmarsh Stadium costing millions of dollars was on the drawing board.

But then the SA Brewing company issued a "no comment" on reports that it was one of the companies willing to put up "millions" to sponsor the new-look National League in 1987.

While Hindmarsh Stadium has always been admired by interstate players, fans and officials, even Adelaidians have admitted that while its full-size pitch is perfect and the lighting top flight, the accommodation and facilities could be improved.

Now that will happen, in time for the 1988 Gold Cup — or any other games arranged as part of Australia's bicentenary.

"We are looking at a few million dollars," said Mr Nikolich.

"Seating will be expanded, and also the terracing along with clubrooms and other facilities."

"When we are finished we hope to have the best ground in Australia."

The announcement followed quickly on the heels of a statement by ASF secretary, Mr Brian Emery after he returned from the World Cup in Mexico.

He said Australia would be battling to stage a World Cup because we did not have sufficient grounds of the right calibre, saying only Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney had suitable

BY TOM MCKAIN

venues.

While it is highly unlikely that Australia will ever stage a World Cup as it does not have the population to support it, there is no harm in having class venues.

Hindmarsh proved an excellent HQ during the World Youth Cup here, but even then it was stretched to the limit as far as accommodation was concerned.

The lighting is already among the best in Australia, having been updated only two years ago.

And the surface is still excellent despite the use it gets — staging all Ampol Cup games, Hellas' National League matches and Rothmans League matches, as well as SA Federation Cup ties and top four Coca-Cola Cup play-offs not to mention training sessions for clubs and State teams.

Returning to the sponsorship deal, it is no secret the National League is talking to possible new or additional sponsors.

Our mail is three top companies are involved at the moment and it would be no surprise if the SA Brewery was one of them.

It is being bombarded by competition from Fosters, Carlton and Fourex.

Soccer is about the only major sport not yet touched by their rivals.

News of the possible sponsorship deal was first released in Melbourne, and we understand the leaks have not pleased League officials.

However, if all the talk of substantial sponsorship is correct, then the national Soccer scene should be a very healthy "baby" in its 14-team infancy next year.



FRANK FARINA



VASCO DA GAMA

HATCHET BURIED AS AROK SELECTS THOSE THREE LOCAL PRODUCTS

SOCEROO coach Frank Arok can finally come North without fear.

The ill-feeling toward the National coach which existed for so long in Queensland was swept aside when he named his squad to meet Czechoslovakia last week.

BY GREG RUSSELL

State director of coaching Bruce Stowell, who guided Queensland to a 1-0 victory over NSW at Perry Park in June, breathed a sign of relief when he heard a Brisbane-based player had finally gained national recognition.

And he urged Arok to take a further look at Queenslanders.

"I can understand there are many fine players around but I am sure Frank can only benefit from having another look at players like John Stewart, Steve Jackson and John Ogden," Stowell said.

"I firmly believe they are equal and in some cases better than what is on offer in the South but they are not getting the same exposure, hopefully the realisation that we can produce players of the calibre of Russell Stewart, Alan Hunter and Frank Farina will make more people take us more seriously."

Queensland also has high hopes for its three youth team hopefuls, Jason Polak, John Koch and Jarrod Austin. They were members of the State Youth team which won the National Championship in 1985 and are recognised as the "second wave" of talent produced by Queensland's extensive regional directors of coaching system.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM IS NOT ALL CUT AND DRIED SAYS SCHEINFLUG

FANS of Sydney Olympic defender Emanuel Spanoudakis and Sydney City striker Abbas Saad need not be too concerned at their omission from Australian Youth team to play Czechoslovakia in a three-match series next month.

By RAY GATT of the Sydney Morning Herald

Youth team coach Les Scheinflug started the ball rolling this week when he announced his 18-member squad for the series against the Czechs to be played in Hobart, Newcastle and Brisbane on August 4, 6 and 9.

Australia is starting its preparation for the Oceania World Youth Cup elimination series in New Zealand in January next year to see which country earns the right to go through to the Cup finals in Chile later that year.

Scheinflug, the best coach of youngsters in Australia, has selected a strong, enthusiastic and skillful squad for the coming series.

However, he admits that the door is not completely shut on other prospects.

"There is still plenty of time to bring in new players," Scheinflug said with an obvious eye to the future.

"That is why players like Spanoudakis and Saad will not be forgotten.

"They are obviously outstanding players and it was unfortunate that they were not in the NSW side which competed in the Australian championships in Melbourne recently."

Spanoudakis, an enterprising left back, has really come to the fore in recent months and has earned a regular place in the star-studded Sydney Olympic line-up.

Saad is a highly talented forward and has shown exceptional ability in several full first grade matches for the Slickers.

They will be given their chance at a later stage — and they will grab it.

Meanwhile, Scheinflug is happy with the make-up of the squad and believes they will do well.

St George's Scott Ollerenshaw will figure

prominently in his plans and the coach admits he has a strong opinion of the red-haired, bundle of energy.

"He is a real goer and always bites at the heels of his opponents. He is always looking for work and has the ability to score excellent goals," Scheinflug enthused.

There are six players in the squad with NSL experience. They are Ollerenshaw, his club mate Craig Moffitt, George Kulcsar (Canberra), Lou Hristodoulou (Adelaide Hellas), John Markovski (George Cross) and Darren Northam (Blacktown).

Hristodoulou is the only surviving member of the Australian youth team which competed in the WYC in Russia last year.

Scheinflug said he has matured greatly since then and is expecting great things from the midfielder.

The coach also enthused that he has several young players whom one can compare to several members of the senior Socceroos.

"Jason Polak from the AIS reminds me a lot of Jim Patikas," he said.

"He has terrific speed and skill, although he does not have Jim's looks.

"I see a lot of Oscar Crino in George Kulcsar."

Kurt Reynolds, from the AIS, is in line for the captaincy, although being the shrewd man that he is, Scheinflug would not be totally drawn into the subject.

The squad is: Goalkeepers: George Bouhoutsas (Syd Olympic), David Mower (AIS). Defenders: Damien Harley (Polonia, SA), George Kulcsar (Canberra), Alex Cummings, Kurt Reynolds (AIS), Darren Northam (Blacktown), Craig Moffitt (St George). Midfielders: Jason Van Blerk, John Koch, Jason Polak (AIS), John Markovski (George Cross), Lou Hristodoulou (Adelaide Hellas), John Anastasiadis (Heidelberg). Strikers: Scott Ollerenshaw (St George), Alastair Edwards (Kwinana, Perth), Derek Calsley (N'cle Rosebud), David Schute (Penrith).



*He walked all over
England, Belgium and West Germany
in a pair of Puma Soccer boots.*



Puma congratulate Diego Maradona and the Argentinian Soccer Team on their World Cup victory.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

EVERGREEN BUTLER AT HIS BRILLIANT BEST

LIKE Old Wine evergreen Apia midfielder Terry Butler is getting better as time progresses and the little wizard was at his brilliant best in Apia's stunning 1-0 defeat over Sydney Croatia at Lambert Park on Sunday.

In a manner reminiscent of another former Apia great — former Socceroo captain Wee Jimmy Rooney — Butler was perpetual motion personified in this match and must have covered every blade of the Lambert Park grass in his all action performance.

BY TOM ANDERSON

He capped this wonderful display by scoring the only goal of the match in the 75th minute when he blasted

the ball home from outside the Croatia penalty area.

If ever a player deserved to score a winning goal in such an important match it was Terry Butler.

Not far behind Butler in the honors list was his team captain — big Arno Bertogna.

In defence, Bertogna was a giant amongst giants and never put a foot wrong.

How he is not in the Socceroo squad is truly beyond my comprehension.

And what a win this was for Apia in a result that knocked Croatia off the top of the Northern Division ladder.

The Lambert Parkers fought like men possessed and just would not accept second place.

Indeed it was a real team effort.

Despite their loss, Croatia are still a very strong outfit and one that will be in fighting for honors at the end of the season.

However big Socceroo striker Graham Arnold still needs more

support for him to display his full potential.

Too often Arnold — who is at his peak, has to go it alone and this is a waste.

This match was a highly entertaining affair and a real red blooded encounter and one that fully typifies the pressure that has been put on teams this season.

APIA: Pezzano; Brown, Bertogna, Stewart, Bozanic; Butler, Bandallo, Hrstovski, Llorens; Baran (Beddoni 75), Morsello (Dounis 88). CROATIA: Watson; Savor, Rosic, Rumora (Lamond 70), Jennings; Rezo, Clinch, Petkovic (Dragojevic 64), Odzakovic; Arnold, Jurin.

REFEREE: Stuart Mellings, Victoria.

CROWD: 4816.

MARCONI SNATCH GOALS AT LAST

MARCONI have, for a while now, been searching for the killer instinct in goalscorers that had, for the majority of this season, eluded them; against Canterbury they finally discovered it in winning 5-0.

pushed forward in the 72nd minute and played a perfect wall-pass with Gray. Henderson's finish left Chris Hummel with no chance.

From there on Marconi asserted their authority and duly made it 4-0 when Osvaldo El'Ali found Lowe on the right and Brown buried the latter's cross from point-blank range.

Lowe himself fashioned the finish a minute later with a goal at the near post to make it 5-0.

Canterbury had their loss rubbed in when two minutes from full-time Petar Zrilic was sent-off after clashing with Craig Mason.

Zrilic had previously been issued with a yellow card after dropping El'Ali. He received his marching orders after allegedly punching Mason as they both went up for a header.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Lowe, Tredinnick, Gray, Brown, El'Ali.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Akoutas, Hantzis, Svinos (Jebrell 47), Haniotis, Radman, Licata (Thamnidis 46), Godzik, Zaimi, Borges, Zrilic.

Crowd: 1387
Referee: T.Seacy

and proceeded to let loose with a lethal volley that rifled into the net.

Although the chances came in plentiful supply Marconi supporters were seeing a repetition of all they had witnessed during the season, plenty of opportunities and plenty missed.

But just seven minutes into the second half the home side worked a team goal that would rank high in any standard.

It began with a clever ball from Robert Wheatley out of defence which released David Lowe on the wing. The little striker then back-heeled into the path of Paul Carter who checked and chipped for the oncoming Rod Brown.

The lay-off across goal by Brown to Ian Gray was inch-perfect and Marconi's sole Socceroo representative smashed the ball in.

Tony Henderson



DAVID LOWE on the ball for Marconi. 'Lowey' was one of Marconi's trump-cards in the victory over Canterbury.

RADE AND ROBBIE'S SHOW

IT was the "Rade and Robbie show" as Wollongong City moved into fourth place on the Northern Division ladder with a 2-nil win over Inter-Monaro at Wollongong Showground on Sunday.

Promoted to the side during the week Rade Stefanovski set up both goals and a cool, calculating Robbie Giraldi finished them off.

Both goals were scored in the second half and provided the only real bright moment for the spectators.

The first came in the 65th minute when Stefanovski turned a touch of magic on the left wing.

He went round the three defenders, drew another and sent an inch-perfect cross to the feet of Giraldi.

PHIL MURPHY

The Wolves striker calmly struck the ball first time from 18 metres and it flew past goalkeeper Nick Antonopolicos.

Number two came with eight minutes to go. Stefanovski this time appearing on the right to provide Giraldi with a nice through ball.

Giraldi made the execution of this goal from 12 metres look a lot easier than it actually was but the end result

gave the home team their first win in eight games.

Monaro had the better of things in the opening 20 minutes, striker Steve Winn testing Warwick Young with a good effort from 30 metres.

Young was slightly off his line but did well to get back and touch the ball onto the cross bar and over for a corner.

In the second half the Wolves midfield took over completely, Stefanovski, Larry Gaffney, Bryan Cokely and Willie Murray looking far superior to the Monaro combination.

Cokely hit the Monaro post from 35

metres just after half time with Antonopolicos doing well to recover and grab the ball at the feet of Stefanovski on the goal line.

Wolves coach John Fleming said after the game man of the match Stefanovski had certainly justified his selection.

"He did a great job for us today and that was a game we could not even afford to have drawn," Fleming said.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Vilestra, Chilly, Morlando, Cokely, Murray, Gaffney, Stefanovski, Kotamanidis (Easthorpe 74), Giraldi.

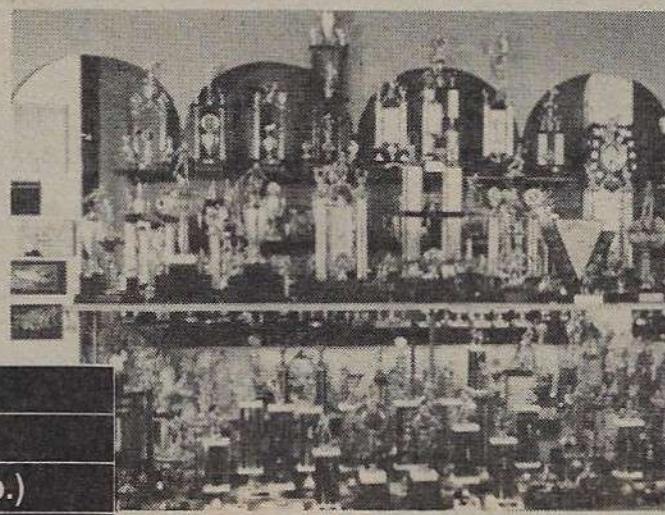
INTER MONARO: Antonopolicos, Tullawa (Wilcox 88), Gagetti, Budini, Titilas, Wotherspoon (Brennan 73), Carbone, Djordjevic, Walsh, Winn, D'Addario.

Referee: Manny Loupis 7.
Crowd: 1,206.

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OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

NO EXCITEMENT BUT THERE WERE GOALS

The only excitement provided by either Sydney City or Blacktown City was the goals scored by the former in their 3-0 win at Sydney Athletic Field.

Neither club produced the standard of play of which they are capable, but the Slickers did have the better quality chances and managed to put three of them away.

The Demons, as usual, began to attack from the first whistle and registered the first shot of the game in the third minute.

It was an Adam Sandy effort from 25 metres out but he shot wide of the posts.

A well-worked Black-

town build up in the 13th minute involving Sandy and Joe Carroll resulted in Brett Thorntwaite hitting the post from eight metres.

Four minutes later Sydney City's Jean-Paul De Marigny overlapped on the left and crossed the ball for John Kosmina. Thorntwaite intervened and played a poor back-pass which was easily intercepted and slotted home by Murray

Barnes.

At the 20 minute mark Barnes took a long throw-in from the right which found the head of Gerry Gomez, who easily knocked it past goalkeeper David Curtis.

From that point until haltime the match was little more than a midfield battle with few real chances being created by either team.

The second half opened promisingly but delivered little with the majority of the real action coming from two Frank Farina crosses which were wasted by Abbas Saad and Ian

Souness.

In the 72nd minute Blacktown showed some very clever touches involving Carroll, Sandy and Darren Northam but their efforts came to nought.

With seconds remaining Kosmina finally got his head to a Farina cross to add the third goal.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes; Gomez, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny, Barnes (Souness 37m), Watson, McCulloch, Farina, Kosmina, Saad (Lee 80m).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis; Knight, Ainsworth, Denyer, Bourke (Northam 51m), Kay, Bradley, Sandy, Slater, Carroll, Thorntwaite.

Referee: E. Venos. Crowd: 861.

CANBERRA STUN THE SAINTS

CANBERRA CITY Olympians, led by their magical Peruvian roving striker Augusto Palacios, shocked visiting St George with a 3-1 spanking at the Bruce Stadium.

Palacios set up all three goals from three dead-ball moves that had the Saints reeling.

St George although fit, lacked sharpness and that repeatedly allowed a hungrier Canberra to win possession.

Saints, however, hit the front as early as in the 11th minute through a goal by striker Graeme Fletcher, who chipped the advancing Anthony Franken.

Three minutes earlier Canberra's right striker Hilton Phillips narrowly missed the target after turning left-back Mike Boogaard.

A Palacios corner from the left found player-coach Steve Bryant 25 metres out. Bryant, who had just been discharged from hospital with a kidney ailment, belted a fabulous first time left-footed drive that crashed into the far corner of the St George net to level the scoreboard.

Bryant's spectacular goal was easily the best seen at the Bruce Stadium and would more than equal almost any of the best in the recent World Cup series.

The goal left St George stunned but simultaneously injected Canberra with adrenalin that had the home side on a "high" for the rest of the match.

The 32nd minute saw Phillips smash a pile-driver that St George's sweeper, David Ratcliffe, who earned himself a yellow card from referee Ken Small.

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS: Frankel; Dunn, Byrne, Harkins, Cant; Sermann, Hamilton, Bryant; Phillips, Palacios, Gibson.

ST GEORGE: Gibson; Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Boogaard (Porter 59th); Ricoy, J.O'Shea, Kocza, Ollershaw (Petkovski 66th); Cotton, Fletcher. Referee: K. Small. Crowd: 674.

JUVE LEAVE HELLAS FANS DISTRAUGHT

BY TOM MCKAIN

MELBOURNE Juventus collected a 2-1 away win over Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium with a clinical performance which left home fans distraught.

The ominous signs for the Adelaide Club appeared in the 27th minute when striker Andrew Zinni, easily the best man on the park, threaded the ball through the home defence inside the box following a short pass from team mate Robbie Cullen.

But Canberra weren't finished yet. In the 62nd minute Palacios pumped a short corner from the left, found right-back Jason Dunn on the first post and he back-headed into the far corner of the Saints' net.

St George tried to hit back in the 67th minute. Striker Roy Cotton cracked an angled close-ranged shot at Franken, but the elegant custodian exhibiting electric reflexes, knocked down the hot shot to leave his centre-back, Jimmy Harkins, to clean up the scraps.

Canberra again threatened in the 77th minute when skipper, right-midfielder Tommy Sermann headed the ball down into the path of Phillips. Phillips sliced through St George's defence but his final hit went whistling inches past the right post.

This came from a free kick on the left after Lou Hristodoulou had been brought down.

And it must be recorded that Juventus coach Len McKendry disputed the free kick, but shrugged it off in an after-match interview, happy to have two points.

And he disputed a claim that Juventus back-pedalled on instruction after they had gone to a 2-nil lead.

"There was no way I wanted them to fall back," he said.

"But I will admit we did go into defence but it was because we were pushed back, and apart from that goal which to me was a gift we did not surrender.

"But that is how the game goes and we accept the decisions and the result."

Home coach Edmund Kreft had to contend with replacing two stars in midfielder Chris Manou and socceroo defender Charlie Yankos.

Alan Scott, in the latest socceroo squad until injured, took over Manou's midfield position and Brendon Hiern a regular last year, won his place back to take over as a fullback for Yankos.

But with only two front runners — Gary Ward and George Konstandopoulos — Hellas were battling to score.

Certainly there was a clearance off the line by the Victorian John Yzendoorn from a Ward effort in the second half but over the 90 minutes Juventus were the more methodical team.

However, results from other games left Hellas in eighth place and still in with a chance of making the top seven in the Southern Division which would earn them a place in next year's Super 14-team competition.

Hellas: Crook, Brown, Hiern, Dunn, Honeyman, Scott, Panagis, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, Ward, Genikas.

Melbourne Juventus: Marama, Lewis, Yzendoorn, Brown, Campbell, Palatsides, Petersen, Wade, Cullen, Patterson, Zinni.

Referee: D. Campbell SA. Crowd: 3,227.

SOPER GOAL PUTS OLYMPIC ON TOP

IT took a 64th minute first-time scoring shot from Marshall Soper to destroy Newcastle's hopes of collecting a point from their visit to Pratten Park.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

In the long run Soper had just so many chances and it was largely to the credit of Newcastle's goalkeeper Clint Gosling that the score was restricted to one.

Whilst the buzz around the ground was that it would take Soper over 12 points and lead to an automatic suspension, coach Manfred Schaefer was certain that he was still below the cut-off point.

This was a game in which Olympic can take some comfort from the point that they faced a massed Newcastle defence and did not give up trying to break through.

It was one of Newcastle's very few chances and Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier rarely had to raise a sweat all afternoon.

Vincent Estavillo and often Peter Raskopoulos kept setting up the breaks for Olympic, but to no avail.

Early in the second half five more players earned referee Owens' ire — Spanaudakis, Rogers, Estavillo, Cavanagh and Ingham went into his book.

The Soper goal arrived in the 64th minute from a long, raking Raskopoulos pass. After that it was largely Soper v Gosling as the restored National squad member toyed with the defence even though Matt Garding was brought on to control him.

The biggest shout from the crowd was reserved for the announcement that APIA-Leichhardt had hit the front against Croatia.

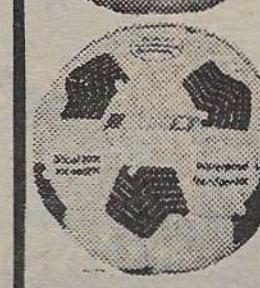
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Katholos (Johnston 83m), Soper (Patais 89m), Kalantzis.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling, Milosevic, Bannon, Owens, Cavanagh, McQuarrie, Maier, Crabtree (Garland 74m), Jones, Heap, Ingham.

Referee: A. Owens. Crowd: 3,877.



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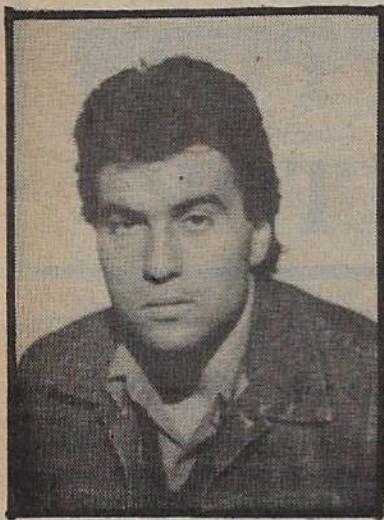
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BY CARLO DEL PORTO

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ADELAIDE CITY 1

IN a game that was played at a breakneck pace for the entire 90 minutes South Melbourne Hellas and Adelaide City Juventus shared the points in an exciting 1-1 draw.

The surprising aspect of the game was that only two goals were scored when both sides squandered numerous chances and the finishing generally left a lot to be desired.

A win was vital for Hellas in order to cement a place in the top five and also to provide a much needed boost to their already diminishing band of supporters.

Indeed, a small crowd watched this encounter which began in earnest with both sides showing plenty of aggression and fire.

Adelaide had the better of the opening exchanges and were able to mount a series of promising attacks but they lacked imagination near the penalty box and could not capitalise on their good play.

But Hellas was the first to get on the score board albeit rather luckily. In the 14th minute Charlie Egan was slightly checked in the penalty box and the referee awarded a penalty to the home team much to the displeasure of the Adelaide players and to the amazement of the crowd.

Danny Crainie made no mistake from the spot and the visitors would have been excused had they become demoralised.

But the very opposite happened as they again piled on the pressure. At the 20th minute Shillabeer should have equalised but shot weakly.

Adelaide were not afraid to push men forward with Charlie Villani and Sergio Melta figuring in many moves. And this often led to them being exposed at the back - in the space of four minutes keeper Niscioli pulled off two brilliant saves, first from an Egan shot and then from a Bobby Russell header to help keep visitors in with a good chance, going in at half

time only 1-nil down. The second half began with the same tearaway pace and it was quite evident that the visitors were content to soak up the pressure and build counter attacks in their search for an equaliser.

Indeed, Hellas were attacking furiously and on one such Adelaide counter attack, at the 22nd minute, Steve Maxwell was fouled by a combination of Steve Blair and Russell.

From the ensuing free kick from 20 metres Villani shot low and hard to beat Peter Laumets at his near post to put the teams level.

Hellas who had enjoyed the better of the second half were now desperately searching for a decider and they repeatedly pushed forward in numbers only to be thwarted by the Adelaide defence superbly led by Niscioli in goals.

It was all quite intense in the latter stages of the match as the visitors held on defiantly - Crainie had his shot cleared off the line five minutes from the end.

The only disappointing feature of the game was the number of free kicks that took place in the last hectic minutes but it had been a hard and fast battle and both teams deserve great credit for putting on a fine exhibition.

HELLAS: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowell, Helford (Andriots), Miranda, Egan, Murphy, Crainie, Anesakis.

ADELAIDE CITY: Niscioli, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar (Higgins), Shillabeer. Sub: McNally.

Melbourne Croatia 2 (McIntosh, Biskic), Brisbane Lions 1 Sunshine 1 (Richardson), Footscray Just 1 (Latif) Preston 2 (Cole) Green Gully 2 (Carter, Theodosopoulos)

THE next few weeks should prove very interesting as the season begins to hot up - by drawing 1-1 with Sunshine, Footscray Just now hold a slender one point lead at the top of the Southern Division but fortunately for them they have a relatively easy clash next week at home against struggling Brisbane City and a win would appear the most likely outcome.

A solid 2-1 away win to Brunswick Juventus sees them only one point away from Just and they also face an assignment that should provide few problems when they face bottom placed Green Gully who nonetheless, to their credit were able to draw 2-2 with Preston last Sunday.

Soccer games are never easy to predict however, if ever a team faces a daunting task it is surely Melbourne

Croatia who next week travel to Adelaide to tackle third placed Juventus - again the inform Juve outfit would be expected to secure the two points.

The all Greek derby between Heidelberg and Adelaide Hellas could be an interesting encounter although Heidelberg will be in no mood to relinquish fourth spot on the table and boosted by an impressive 6-nil win last week against Brisbane City will start the game as warm favourites.

Probably the most even clash of next week's round is the Preston v South Melbourne Hellas game. A place in the top five is at stake here and Preston will be eager to bridge the one point gap that separates them from the two teams just above them on the table - Hellas and Sunshine George Cross.

Points will be hard to come by in the following weeks as the struggling teams will all be fighting doggedly to steer clear of relegation while at the top Footscray can not afford to lose as both Brunswick Juventus and Adelaide Juventus are breathing down their necks and in fact the top three sides all have the ability and the depth to take out the 1986 championship.

CROATIA DETERMINED TO STOP SYDNEY OLYMPIC

SYDNEY CROATIA next Sunday will be more than determined to block Sydney Olympic when the two giant Sydney NSL clubs clash at the Croatian Sports Centre.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

to their international striker — and crowd favourite — Marshall Soper to get them out of jail.

Both goalkeepers, Steve Watson for Croatia and Gary Meier for Olympic, will be severely tested, and their individual performances could easily decide the result.

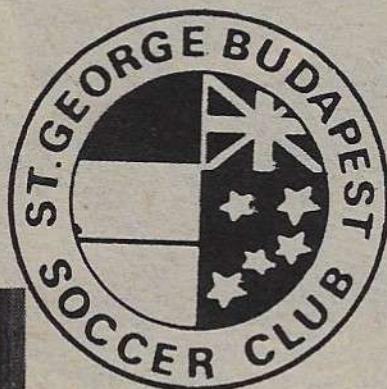
Croatia, in second spot on the league ladder and just one point behind Sydney Olympic, have scored 26 goals and have conceded only 11, giving the home side the best defensive record in the NSL.

Sydney Olympic have scored 28 goals and have let in 14 to give themselves a goal-difference of plus 14.

Another feature of this big match will be the style difference of the two sweepers.

With the NSL title virtually resting on the result of this match, the pressure will be enormous and a crowd of over 12,000 is widely tipped for the Croatian Sports Centre.

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SOCER MUST REVAMP TO COMPETE

THE whole set up of Australian Soccer — as it is in its present standing — needs to be restructured and revamped if it is to compete on even terms with other major sports in this country which are now moving ahead in leaps and bounds.

The new trend, not only in Australia, but indeed throughout the sporting world, is now heading quickly towards more competition at international level.

Whether it is acceptable or not in some of our Soccer circles, the truth of the matter is that club fixtures and domestic competitions are being forced to take a back seat in preference to international and representative glamor games.

The sporting public at large want to watch, and more importantly will pay to watch, big international clashes.

Big names and glamor is what sport and Soccer is now all about.

Australia and our sporting fans are no exception.

This new sporting trend was, of course, started here by media magnate Kerry Packer and the introduction of World Series Cricket a number of year's back.

Not only did it save the game of cricket in this country, but it gave

it a new breath of life, and enabled it to go on from strength to strength.

Rugby Union and Rugby League are now playing more international and representative games than before.

Even Aussie Rules — despite its severe limitations in the international arena — is attempting to follow suit.

INTERNATIONALS

These codes are also cutting down on their club commitments to fit glamor representative and international games into their calendar.

Soccer of course, is the greatest international game of all.

And indeed our code has the greatest opportunity of all in succeeding in this new era of sporting glamor.

Our game has the

Maradona's, the Zico's, the Lineker's and all the other stars who became household names throughout every corner of the globe in the recent World Cup series in Mexico.

And indeed after the great success of Mexico, sports fans the length and breadth of Australia are now talking about the game of Soccer as never before.

Since my return from Mexico, people who previously found it hard to talk about the round ball game, now want to talk for hours about the Mexico Fiesta.

And what's more, the first signs of this increased interest began to take place after the Socceroos' great World Cup tussles against New Zealand, Israel and Scotland last year.

TALENT

At the present time, Australia has probably more Soccer talent at its disposal than at any other time in the history of the game in this country.

National coach Frank Arok's senior squad — even without the expatriot overseas stars — is a highly talented outfit and one the fans will flock to watch if given the opportunities.

And the same can be said for national youth coach Les Scheinflug's new Young Socceroo squad.

The time is now ripe to get these teams into action on a regular basis at home.

Big-time sport, where ever it is played, is now big business.

And it's all about getting paying customers through the turnstiles to watch it.

Also, when this happens, in comes the big sponsors and greater media coverage.

This is also a proven fact beyond any argument.

SPONSORSHIP

Don't tell me for one minute, that the wonderful Winfield sponsorship would again have been forthcoming had the games against Scotland not been such a success. I wouldn't believe you.

What must now be done here is to condense the club season and shorten it to allow more international games.

And in stating this I'm not knocking or attempting to belittle club football.

For without club football there could be no international events.

However success at international level and plenty of representative games stimulates an interest in the code that rubs off on the club scene.

This again, is another proven fact throughout the world.

What we just cannot afford in this country is to have a continual club v country battle.

In the long run this will only bring about the death of both factions and that would be a

tragedy for the game in this country.

Unity is strength and strength is what's needed in the 1980's and onwards for Soccer to take its rightful place in the Australian sporting community.

GLAMOR

During my recent six week spell in Mexico for the World Cup, I spoke with many leading administrators from throughout the world on this matter.

There was not one person who did not agree that international fixtures and glamor games is the new trend in the game.

The time is now ripe for Australia not only to join the bandwagon, but to succeed beyond all expectations.

If this happens then the game of Soccer in Australia will blossom and reach the heights we all dream about.

On the other hand, if this new direction is not taken, then Australian Soccer will always struggle to survive to the year dot.



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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

CANBERRA City Old Boys team which is sponsored by the City Club and plays in the ACT sixth division has players drawn from 13 nationalities in its first team squad — English, Irish, Greek, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Vietnamese, Croatian, Austrian, Hungarian, Fijian and Australians — aborigines and whites.

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The revival of the Port Macquarie club in the Northern NSW Second Division is being greeted very warmly by most followers of the code in the state. While some players complain about the travel to Port Macquarie, the Port lads seem to relish the fortnightly journey.

Possessing a sound defence, Port has been able to build up plenty of space for their three front runners Brendon Doyle, Col Purcell and Bruce Simpson. While few people would expect Port Macquarie to win promotion, reaching the semi-finals would be a fine achievement. For them to be ahead of such well established clubs as Toronto-Awaba, Westlakes, Mayfield, Edgeworth and Maitland is a real credit to the mid north coast club.

WHILE playing for Adamstown Rosebuds, John McQuarrie has not been turning out for big brother Newcastle Rosebuds. Apparently there was a difference of opinion somewhere along the line so John settled into the Northern NSW First Division arena. He has found the lesser standard to his advantage and has been turning in great performances each week.

CONTROVERSY is brewing in Wollongong over the development of a multi million dollar football complex at Brandon Park just north of city.

Originally funded by the State Government and Wollongong City Council to cater for the Wollongong Wolves and Illawarra Steelers (rugby league), the ground may well become basically a Soccer stadium.

The Steelers have been told their future is at Wollongong Showground with the ground to be developed for league only.

It sounds great but there isn't enough money to go around.

It seems certain the Brandon Park complex will go ahead whether the Steelers use it or not.

Work has already started at Brandon Park and the trouble with the Showground is that Wollongong Council sees it as prime real estate.

Council also say the ocean will eventually take away half the present playing surface at the ground so there is no real long-term future for any club staying there.

ACCORDING to Ken Kaiser, the most skilful Northern NSW player to ever don an NSL boot was the former Booragual High School star Brett Cowburn. Ken is not alone with those sentiments as there are many supporters who believe that Brett and his school team mate Malcolm McClelland should still be involved in Australia's highest level of football.

At the moment, Brett is a vital cog in the big wheel of West Wallsend, a side that is hoping to make this year's Northern NSW semi-finals. Last season they defeated Premiers Belmont-Swansea in the Grandfinal.

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HELLAS all-rounder Alan Scott was bitterly disappointed at having to miss the last Socceroo camp.

The SA star has been nursing a groin injury and it caught up with him just when he thought he would be able to impress national coach Frank Aron.

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JOHN MacQuarrie playing a dual role!

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“DON’T write off Cessnock. With all the publicity being given to Stockton as the club most likely to move into Northern NSW First Division in 1987, Cessnock supporters have become a little incensed.

Cessnock is one of the great clubs in the Northern state and the town has a good memory going back to the halcyon days when they were arguably the best club side in Australia. O’Neill, Leonard, Almond, Thompson, Drinkwater are just a few names that flow off the tongue.

Just one more slip from Stocktown could see Cessnock take over in the Second Division this season. Their neck and neck struggle could see a great climax to determine who goes up. Cessnock’s Steve Allen, Tony Butler and Englishman Mick Southworth are all having great seasons.

HIGHLY RATED Newcastle club Austral United is being sponsored by major Sydney commodity futures brokers NIZAL INVESTMENTS. Austral is looking down the line to the day when they can finally compete in NSW and then at national level. This licensed club in the Newcastle suburb of Birmingham Gardens is extremely popular and in time the club expects to extend its facilities with a new grandstand.

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Grant Storey another former West Wallsend player has returned from Queensland and has joined the Lake Macquarie club. A few seasons back Grant was rated one of the best prospects in Northern NSW. Fans will be keen to see whether he regains his former ability.

CROATIA Deakin coach Ivan Gruicic is over the moon about his newly signed striker ANTE LJUBIC. Ante comes to Canberra via Melbourne Croatia where he really didn't settle down. However Gruicic believes Ljubic would walk into any NSL side especially following his debut for the Canberra side when he scored in Croatia's 1-1 top of the table draw with Juventus. Ljubic also won a penalty which should have wrapped up the match. But then Socrates, Zico and Platini miss penalties don't they ...

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WOLLONGONG City certainly have their prayers answered when it comes to having other results in the NSL go their way.

After a great start to the season, the Wolves picked up only four points (draws) from seven games up to the 1-1 draw against Canterbury.

The draws came against Leichhardt, Canberra, Sydney City and Canterbury but each week other results kept them in the top five.

Their aim is to stay in this position but it won't be easy.

Their last four away games are against Croatia, Sydney Olympic, Sydney City and St George.

Coach John Fleming says the league is so competitive his team can survive for next season if they get a point from each of these games.

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BRISBANE Lions captain John Stewart, fed up with a failure by those who matter down south to distinguish between him and younger brother Russell, has shaved off his moustache in a bid to look different. At both Socceroo training camps earlier this month, John was repeatedly called by his younger and better known brother's name. While most in Queensland consider they look very little alike, the level of play is on a par and many felt John should have joined Russell in the Socceroo squad for the Czechoslovakia series.

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OUR COLUMINIST Tom Anderson advises that the 2GB “World of Football” program reaches 3 million listeners over its Saturday-Sunday winter period. Tom hits the air at 12.30pm on both Saturdays and Sundays with a 15 minutes segment with top Soccer personalities. Ratings for the show are 12.4.

NEW SOUTH WALES ALMOST 40 YEARS AGO!

THE DOMINANT players of the era were Reg Date of Wallsend and Canterbury in attack and Joe Marston (Leichhardt-Annandale) in defence. Top marks for skill in

their period went to Ted Drain (Woonona-Bulli), Jim “Skeeta” Wilkinson (Weston) and Dave Coote (Adamstown).



NEW SOUTH WALES

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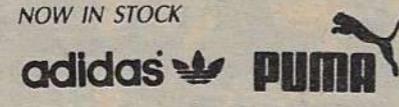
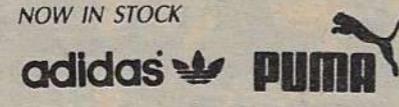
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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



AT LAMBERT PARK the new VIP section (pictured) puts some 99 people in comfort. Across the ground the media people have to clamber up highly inclined wooden steps to awkwardly placed boxes where vision is non-existent to the near corners. APIA-Leichhardt's ground improvements have been considerable. Is it time to consider locating the press in the new area?

IT must be the Queensland Sunshine but two leading NSL coaches — and Soccercoo assistants at that — have indirectly indicated they wouldn't mind coming North some time in the future.

After the interstate game between Queensland and New South Wales, Sydney City's Eddie Thomson, Frank Arok's righthand man, told reporters that if the offer was right he certainly would consider a coaching position in Brisbane, and then last week South Melbourne Hellas' John Margaritis, Arok's Southern Division Scout, said he would love to finish his coaching career in Queensland.

"The weather is great and the fishing even better," Margaritis said. Yeah, but what about the Soccer?

PRESIDENT of the Northern NSW Coaches Association Shane Tull has been doing a mighty job over the past two years. His enthusiasm is infectious and much of the success of the Association could be attributed to this human dynamo.

Recently he dropped one of his cogs when he decided to stand down from the editorial staff of the Northern NSW weekly programme, "Soccer," leaving editor Alan Tredinnick the job of finding a replacement. Shane however will find the breathing space most welcome.

A certain Northern NSW coach was about to start his pre-match harangue when his counterpart next door got in first. Instead of trying to compete with the opposition he simply had his players remain very quiet and listen to what the rival coach was saying.

Overheard was the exact match plan and some very uncomplimentary remarks about a number of the players. The effect was to stir up the team of listeners and cause them to play that much better.

But it begs the question: What if the coach next door is aware that he can be overheard and deliberately feeds false information, should the listeners have plan B ready just in case?

AUSTRAL United which plays in the Northern NSW State First Division has a new sponsor it is Nizal Investments, the Malayan-based bullion dealers and general merchants. This has undoubtedly made Con Mitsios, Dave McQuire and the others executives very happy.

TONY ANTENUCCI, Adelaide City secretary and announcer on match days, had just remarked to those around him that City was about to complete a game without a booking — when it happened.

Paul Wilde, in his first-up debut, was booked and sent off during the match against Preston.

AS moves for Brisbane to field teams in the VFL and Sydney Rugby League competition gain momentum and general support, quite a few Soccer administrators are chuckling. All the proposals have been quick to highlight the benefits of a "national competition" but fail to provide answers for the many problems which have haunted our own National League for many of its 10 years.

ADELAIDE rivals Charlie Yankos of Hellas and City's Joe Mullen teamed up the other week.

But they weren't playing. The top duo were the star turns at a training session for youngsters of the Birkalla club.

LATEST word on Socceroo David Mitchell is that he is back in training with Eintracht Frankfurt in West Germany.

The big front-runner we will be getting married within the next few weeks.

THE Cardiff Soccer Club's mid week knock-out competition is having a better season in 1986 than last year. Continual rain caused the 1985 series to be abandoned after only one or two rounds.

The series is named the "Bob Westbury Cup" after the long serving player and administrator of the Cardiff Club.

NEWCASTLE'S Austral United thought their licensed club ought to "look" like a Soccer club so they pinned up photos of their players around the club house. Not exactly unique but an excellent thought. Quote: "If players can't be given some prominence in their own club how can we expect the media to give them coverage".

STRIKER Gary Price is in line for a return to the Adelaide Hellas first team.

He sank in two goals the other week to end State League leader Croatia's run in the SA First Division.

WHILE in Britain, Neil Jones one of Newcastle's top young referees, controlled the Ayr International Schoolboys final between Glasgow Rangers and Hibernians. Now he is back home will Neil be in line for either the Commonwealth Bank or Oak Bill Turner Cup finals?

HIGHLY rated Newcastle club Austral United is being sponsored by major Sydney commodity futures brokers NIZAL INVESTMENTS. Austral is looking down the line to the day when they can finally compete in NSW and then at National level. Their licensed club in the Newcastle suburb of Birmingham Gardens is extremely popular and in time the club expects to extend its facilities with a new grandstand.

IT is now official, that senior clubs in Northern NSW will introduce three junior grades into their administration in 1987. The ages will be under 13, under 14 and under 16.

To maintain a high standard of performance, clubs will be required to have coaches with Class Two qualifications as a minimum standard.

To facilitate this move there will be a Level Two Course conducted on Saturday August 23 and concluding on the evening of September 2. Details are obtainable at the Federation office in Bryant Street, Adamstown.

It is understood that Graham Hills, Mark Walmsley, Neville Power, Warren Shipley, Michael Dempsey, Brett Cowburn, Wayne Holt, Graeme Swan and Les True amongst others have already enrolled for the course.

SUCH is the popularity and success of the Bill Turner Cup, the schools' 15 years competition in Northern NSW, NSW and the ACT, that unofficial enquiries from another state have been received asking to be included in 1987.

According to an official of the competition, all requests would be considered but the financial aspect could be a problem. However it does reflect the popularity of this well organised and run competition.

TONY FULLERTON, who was captain-coach of fifth division Newcastle Croatia in 1985, was recently transferred to Austral United to replace their injured first team goalkeeper. He has played so well against Weston Bears and Central Coast that he may conceivably hold the spot.

Tony is a top goalkeeper (and cricketer) and many followers will recall his great performances for Wallsend High in the Tasman Cup during the mid seventies.

ADELAIDE City front-runner Charlie Villani is making nightly appearances on TV.

But he's not a tele star. The "Italian Stallion" makes a brief appearance in a commercial as one of many extras.

Charlie flashes across the screen in his City uniform with the inevitable ball at his feet.

IF any Soccer fans want to upset Australian Rules followers who are going into ecstasies about the Sydney Swans, give them this one-liner:

"Australian rules resembles cross-country basketball."

AND talking about Australian Rules, we got this one from the Adelaide City program.

A rules fans and a Soccer fanatic were talking on the train during the World Cup.

"I'm afraid that World Cup Soccer is not my cup of tea," said the Rules man.

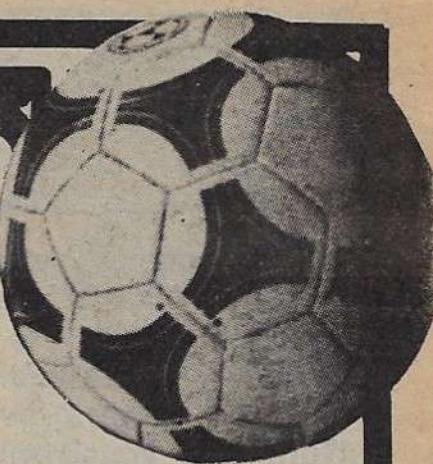
Back came the Soccer fan: "You are right mate. It's the rest of the world that's wrong."

WHAT a shame that the Sydney Olympic — Sydney Croatia clash being billed quite rightly as the 'Match of the Year' could not be located at the Parramatta Stadium.

Not for a lack of trying though. Tony Basic the Croatian president was very close to nabbing the stadium for the big one but was just beaten on the Thursday by the Eastern Suburbs Rugby League club.

Unfortunate yes, but at least something innovative was tried by Soccer in Australia and the OASL were very keen to see the match transferred to the Stadium.

Mr Noel Neate, general manager of the SCG Trust, which controls the stadium, said last week that any sporting body had the right to make approaches to hire the ground.



THE Queensland Soccer Federation is keen to make a success of its one international this season, Perry Park has been given the Youth International clash between Australia and Czechoslovakia on August 6 and the QSF has circulated all its clubs not only advising of the game but urging them to alter training schedules to ensure all players are in a position to attend. The lights at Queensland Soccer headquarters also have been realigned, improving the quality immensely.

TAKEN from the Northern NSW weekly magazine "Soccer": One of our clubs has a committeeman of such intransigence that a fellow committeeman remarked: "When you have him on the committee you always have two opposing viewpoints, both of them his and both of them wrong."

It is nice to be appreciated.

CARDIFF Club in the Northern NSW State First Division made a very valuable gain this season which was unexpected. Returning to the Newcastle area after several seasons in Sydney was Sheffield Shield cricketer Greg Geise.

Greg could have made a name for himself in Soccer but chose the cricket scene as his number one interest. It takes a good shot to get part his clutches and he is proving to be one of the best custodians in the north. His long clearances can turn defence into attack within seconds.

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THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



THE upcoming series against Czechoslovakia provides a great opportunity for the national coaches to introduce some new faces into the Australian squad but I'm sure that the players available from the last World Cup squad will continue to form the nucleus of the team.

Some changes have been forced on the national coach but basically I can see him remaining loyal to the players that performed so admirably for him previously.

The old adage that it is harder to get out of a national team than into it will probably hold true once again, as several of last year's regulars are not playing up to their usual standard.

Whilst many scribes call for the sacking of these out-of-form players I have no doubt that they will repay the faith

shown by the coach and produce their best form again.

It is of paramount importance to the standing of the national team and Soccer in Australia that the team does well against the Czechoslovakian opponents after the excellent results gained during the World Cup.

The Australian public are now aware of the existence of our Soccer team and while there was widespread support for the team when the results were good I'm sure all that will change

if the team does not win the series.

Soccer has always been treated as a second class citizen by the media and with the blatant rugby league bias that exists there are many who would delight in destroying the public interest that presently exists regarding Soccer.

The inclusion of new faces such as Steve Maxwell, Sergio Melta and Angie Postecoglou is just reward for their consistent performances throughout the last couple of seasons.

I expected Jeff Olver to get the nod ahead of Tony Franken for the vacant goalkeeper position as he produced some outstanding games when called into action for the national team last year.

Jeff has showed that

he has the ability and the temperament to handle the position and at this stage has the experience over Tony. Given half a chance I'm certain Tony Franken will take the opportunity to stake his claims. Either way Australia will be in good hands, and on top of that I was pleased to see my St George team mate Mike Gibson gaining his selection ...

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What a shame Alan Davidson has received so much flack for his decision to make himself unavailable for the national team while he tries to establish a business and secure his future.

It wasn't long ago that the press were doubting his ability to come back after injury and perform

at the high level that has been his trademark.

On that occasion Davo silenced the critics with some outstanding games which provided the platform for many wins.

After sixty odd games for Australia, in which he has been the shining light, and a stint overseas where he proved he could match it with the best, I feel it's pretty shabby treatment he is receiving.

Rather than denigrating him, the press should be thanking him for the wonderful memories, and the service he has given to the national team. Having played forty times with Davo and being aware of his contribution to the team's performance I can say without doubt that it is going to be difficult to

replace him. Players of his calibre are a rare commodity in Australian Soccer.

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It's a long way from Hampden Park, playing for Australia against Scotland but I am thoroughly enjoying my stint in the youth team. (Mind you, I could get sick of it if it lasts much longer).

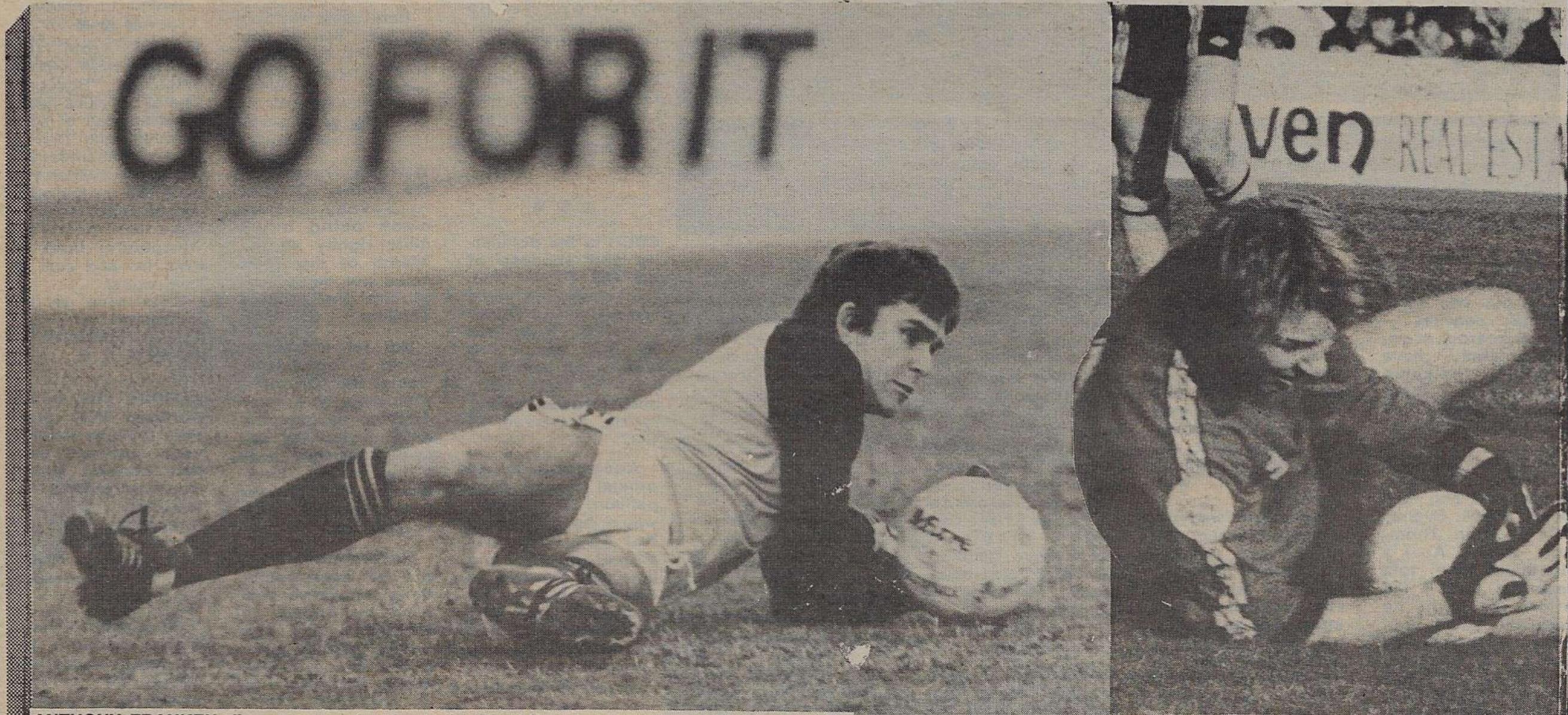
One pleasing aspect of playing in the youth team is that the players listen to what you are saying to them. There aren't too many who do that in the first team.

When I was first injured and had to pull out of the team I was amused to read in some papers where I had dropped myself and selected 'Gibbo' in goal. Well for the last two weeks I've selected myself back in first grade, ahead of Mike Gibson, but no-one seems to be taking any notice?



Well for the last two weeks I've selected myself back in first grade, ahead of Mike Gibson, but no-one seems to be taking any notice?

Still; having just turned 27 my best years are still in front of me, so it's not too late to make a come-back. If Roy Cotton isn't too old to play then surely I can still play!



ANTHONY FRANKEN dives to save for Australia 'B' whilst at the right Jeff Olver saves for his club.

NSL A YEAR APART

COMPARING the NSL Northern Division for this year against last year's league at the same stage of the season throws up a few interesting statistics and highlights the closeness of games with membership of the new league at stake.

The biggest difference is in the number of draws with 54 games drawn this year as opposed to only 30 last year.

Goals have also been harder to come by with only 208 scored as opposed to 231 last year.

This brings up what the value would be in altering the points awarded for winning as

opposed to a draw. When the stakes are high, as they are this year, then it's natural that things are going to be tight, with teams not giving anything away.

There have been many arguments over the years about this approach, but it could well be that it is worth looking at again.



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

COMPARISON

1985

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	13	9	3	1	35	14	21
Sydney City	12	9	1	2	26	12	19
Marconi	12	6	4	2	25	16	16
Blacktown	13	6	2	5	21	14	14
Canberra	13	5	4	4	19	19	14
Sydney Olympic	13	6	1	6	13	16	13
St George	12	3	4	5	12	14	10
Penrith City	13	3	4	6	17	19	10
Newcastle	13	3	4	6	13	23	10
APIA	12	4	1	7	15	20	9
Inter Monaro	13	4	1	8	18	29	9
Wollongong	13	3	1	9	17	36	7

1986

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sy. Croatia	13	8	3	2	24	9	19
Syd. Olympic	13	5	8	—	25	13	18
Marconi	13	6	4	3	20	14	16
Blacktown	13	6	3	4	18	19	15
Wollongong	13	5	4	4	14	11	14
St George	13	5	4	4	16	19	14
Sydney City	13	3	7	3	24	19	13
Newcastle	13	4	5	4	21	22	13
APIA	13	3	5	5	14	18	11
Canberra	12	2	4	6	10	18	8
Canterbury	12	2	4	6	14	20	8
Monaro	13	1	3	9	8	29	5

IT'S ANYONE'S STATE LEAGUE

AN amazing situation has developed in the NSW State League with just six points separating the top team from the third bottom team.

This has left most teams in the league as candidates to win it.

It also leaves most teams as candidates to be relegated.

Melita, the form team in pre-season, is in mid-table, yet is only two points behind the leader, Rockdale.

BY MIKE JOHNSON

On the other hand Melita is only three points clear of Polonia who is occupying the dreaded fifth bottom spot.

As teams stand currently (July 13, at time of writing), Polonia, Auburn-Uruguay, Avala, Penrith and Fairy Meadow would go out of the league.

That is if the Federation goes ahead with its declared aim to relegate the five bottom teams, to accommodate relegated National League

clubs.

More than half of the league are currently in a position to win the title.

The closeness of teams in the league is reflected in the closeness of games.

There has been an abnormal number of draws, as teams have sought after a point and got it.

Manly, Ku-ring-gai, Auburn-Uruguay and Wollongong Macedonia have all drawn almost half of their games.

Wollongong, with only 10 goals in 15 games is one point away from top spot.

Wollongong has only six goals against.

While the games in State league have lacked attacking flair, this in some measure has been balanced with the very competitive nature of nearly all matches.

Now, as the season enters into the critical late season stage, we find more and more bookings and sendings off as desperate teams and players are flat out to get a result.

Clubs have been just as desperate in their search for players in recent months.

Most clubs have signed players from National League clubs, or from overseas.

State League players are currently getting far more money than previously, as many clubs have decided to pay National League class money to their teams, or to selected players.

This dangerous policy, follows the example of National League teams which in many cases are

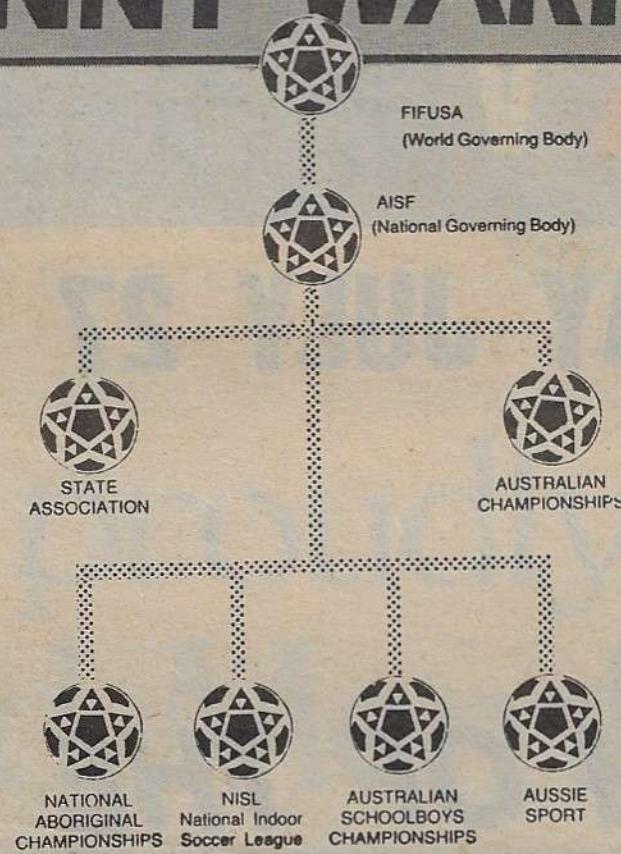
ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

FIFUSA
THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS FOR FUTBOL SALA (INDOOR SOCCER)

In order to understand the A.I.S.F., one must first comprehend Indoor Soccer's International structure. Indoor Soccer's World governing body is the Federation International De Futbol Sala, commonly known as FIFUSA. The headquarters are in Sao Paulo, Brazil. FIFUSA was formed in 1959 and presently has 47 member Nations although the game of Indoor Soccer is played in many other Countries.

The principle functions of FIFUSA are:

- To standardise the playing rules throughout the World.
- To supervise the transfer of players worldwide.
- To organise Pan American Championships.
- To organise World Club Championships.
- To organise World Championships.



PARRAMATTA STADIUM FOR ONE SEMI-FINAL

ONE of the semi-finals of this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup will be played as the curtain raiser to the Socceroos-Czechoslovakia international at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday August 10.

The decision by the ASF to encourage youth games at such events is a good one which should be standard procedure at future internationals.

The semi-final, yet to be chosen though highly likely to be Birrong v the winner of the quarter final match between

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students and again the ASF is to be congratulated on this gesture.

This year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup final will be staged at Marconi Stadium days after the Parramatta Stadium semi final . . . on Friday August 15.

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(7) Melbourne Eliminators
Vic. (8) Brisbane Bombers
Qld. (9) Mackay Monarchs
S.A. (10) Adelaide

The N.I.S.L. will be televised nationally by SBS Channel "0".

National Championships and National Indoor Soccer Cup

- National Championships in 1986 will be played in Canberra on the Australia Day long weekend in January '87 for Age Divisions from U 13 Boys to All Age Men, Junior Women and All Age Women. These teams are State select teams.
- The National Indoor Cup is open to all club teams throughout Australia. Any registered team may enter as a team representing their local club — in the Age groups from U 13 Boys to All Age Men — Junior Women and All Age Women. The Indoor Cup will be played in Canberra on the Australia Day long weekend in January '87.



This week
JOHNNY WARREN
looks at his 'baby' —
the Commonwealth
Bank Soccer Cup, and
a rugby league
international who
learnt his trade in our
game.

MIKE O'CONNOR — FOOTBALLER

THE next time your rugby mates tell you St George and Australian ace goal kicker Michael O'Connor learnt his kicking skills in their game you can tell them that quite frankly they are wrong.

Evidence is in the attached pic of young Michael O'Connor in a junior SOCCER team shot.

The Canberra bred O'Connor was an outstanding Soccer prospect up to the age of 13 when, unfortunately he found rugby an easier game to play.

According to Canberra Soccer identity Theo Moulis, who was coach of young Michael with the Canberra North team: "O'Connor was a

tremendous athlete — and Soccer player, who would have made it in Australian Soccer had he stayed with the game.

"He was extremely fast, had above average skills and was a first class competitor," says Moulis of his former charge.

"We were disappointed when he opted for rugby however we have all been delighted with his progress in representing Australia at

both Rugby Union and Rugby League".

Pictured here is Michael O'Connor sixth from right back row and his Canberra North team mates. Also in the team Theo Moulis (coach) back row left, Danny Moulis third from left back row, and Croatia Deakin players John Bull and Bernie Instica both in the front row . . . Bull fourth from left and Lustica the first on the right.



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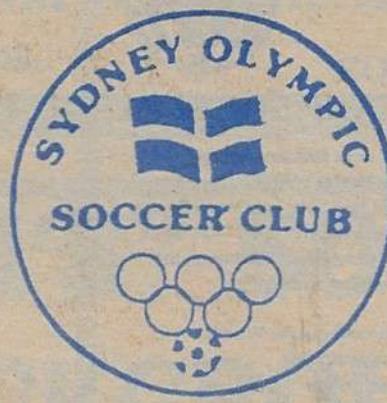
SYDNEY CROATIA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC



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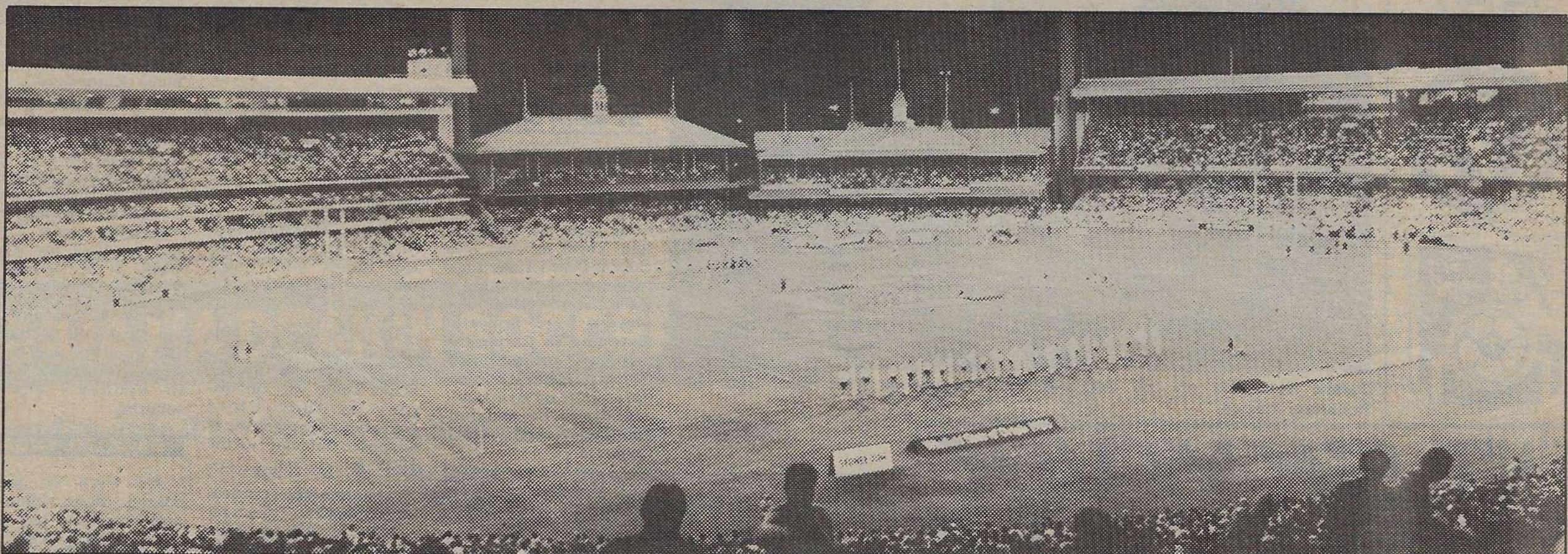
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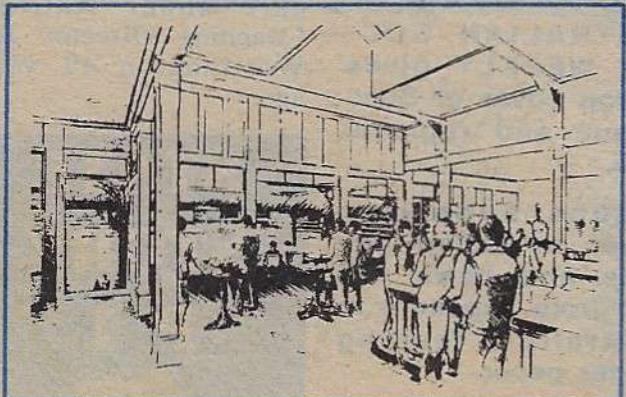
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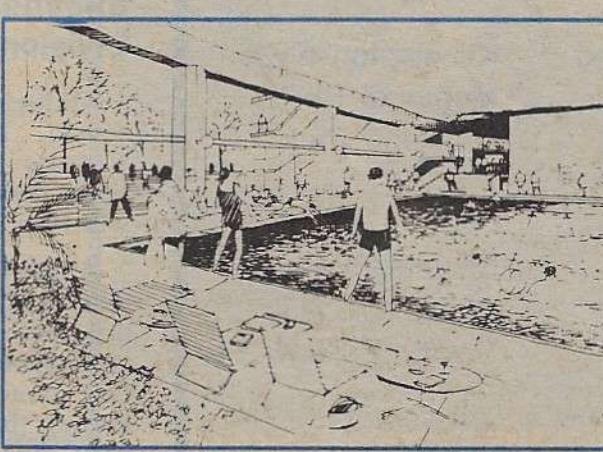
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JIMMY Nastevski on the left and Bill Pilovski on the right, both of Rockdale Ilinden.

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NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

SATURDAY 26th JULY

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Kingsford Hellenic	vs Blacktown United
Bankstown Lebanon	vs Dee Why Swans
Campbelltown City	vs Queens Park

Kensington Oval
Memorial Pk
Lynwood Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

North Ryde RSL	vs Moorebank
Bondi Marine	vs Uni of NSW
Port Hacking	vs Baulkham Hills

Magdala Park
Waverley Oval
Seymour Shaw Pk

SUNDAY 27th JULY

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Melita Eagles	vs Avala
Uruguayan Auburn	vs Polonia
Manly Warringah	vs Rockdale Ilinden
Penrith City	vs Sutherland
Wollongong Mac	vs Ku-ring-gai
Fairy Meadow	vs Warringah F/Water

Melita Stadium
Mona Park
Cromer Park
Cook Park
Berkeley S/G
Corrimbal Mem Pk

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Cant & Dist	vs SSC Yugal
Artarmon	vs Bathurst '75
Gl'ville Hornsby	vs Nth Bankstown

Blick Oval
Artarmon Res
Pioneer Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

C'beltown Gunners	vs West United
Mt Druitt Town	vs Granville Chile
King Tomislav	vs Rooty Hill

Bensley Road
Popondetta Park
Croatian S/G

"TAKI'S" SOCCER BACKGROUND AIDS AMBITIOUS ROCKDALE

TWENTY years service in Australian Soccer since arriving from Yugoslavia has given Rockdale Ilinden coach Ilija Takac a tremendous background in the game.

"Taki" is hoping to see the club scale the heights this year and he believes he could have the skill and discipline at his disposal to do it.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

What is behind his driving enthusiasm for the game? Let's have a look.

He came to Sydney to join Yugal in 1966. The club has seen some highly successful days, but it wasn't until 1969 that players were imported to restore its fortunes.

In came central defender Ivo Rudic, midfielders Zoran Brajkovic and Rocco Ile and brilliant goalkeeper Milan Caukusic.

The team sparked up and from 1970 to 1973 Yugal was never missing from the NSW State League semi-finals.

Takac himself was a high quality midfielder who invariably gave a big input towards Yugal's success.

Opponents such as St George, Hakoah and APIA-Leichhardt had top teams and Yugal matched them all the way.

In 1970 under rain-swept conditions Yugal's cleverness in the heavy going was on display as they whitewashed St George 4-0 in an upset outcome to the NSW grand final.

Amongst the particular opponents Takac recalls were APIA's Billy Rogers and in 1974 Willie Wallace.

Then Yugal succumbed to financial problems. Rudic and Ile finished up with Pan Hellenic, the predecessor of Sydney Olympic and Caukusic to Melbourne.

PINNACLE

The high point of Ilija Takac's playing career came when the Australian team went to the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

He represented NSW against British touring clubs Chelsea and Aberdeen and also against Queensland in Brisbane.

Former Socceroo Attila Abonyi took over, but Takac came back earlier this season.

Apart from Takac's top understanding of the game he gained his senior coaching certificate under National Coaching Director Eric Worthington 12 years ago.

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STATE STORY

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STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

MANLY BACK ON TOP AGAIN

MANLY Warringah regained their spot at the head of the competition ladder with a polished 1-0 victory over Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park.

BY STEVE SHELDON

The game was typical of previous clashes between the two sides — open, fast, clean and very even.

Sutherland attacked well in the first half and could have had the match wrapped up at the break but poor finishing kept the scoresheet clean.

The home team's best opportunity came in the 30th minute when Steve Meades' 18 metre shot was scrambled off the line by Manly's keeper, Bob Catlin.

Manly came back strongly in the second half and went ahead in the 60th minute when midfielder Paul Marshall scored with a low angled shot from 15 metres after good lead-up work by Jimmy Campbell.

Best players for Manly were Catlin and Campbell, while Greg Lerond and Mark Harrington played well for Sutherland.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson (Hill 70min), Lerond, Terry, Burrows, Cashman, Meades, Harrington, Johnston, Hughes, Sharp.

MANLY: Catlin, Dennis, van Egmond, Dick Roblin, Marshall (Etherington 84min), Campbell, Dean, Allan, McIntosh (Davidson 70min) Stuart.

ROCKDALE 0
URUGUAYAN
AUBURN 0

A good crowd of 2,600 — including a bevy of politicians led by Premier Barrie Unsworth — turned up to watch Rockdale and Uruguayan Auburn fight out a dour 0-0 draw at Hurstville Oval.

The match developed into a midfield battle in which there were few highlights to delight the crowd.

The best chance of the day came only in the 86th minute when a one-two between Rockdale's Tony Genovese and Zlatko Nastevski saw Genovese's shot saved by Auburn's keeper Rossano.

Best players on the day were Rockdale's midfielders Vince Nastevski and Vlado Torevski.

The draw meant that Rockdale slipped two places to third place but the team nevertheless remains at the head of the goalscoring ladder.

ROCKDALE: Berry, G. Wilson, Rodas, Degney, D. Wilson, Torevski, Jones, Nastevski, Nastevski, Genovese, Ristevski.

AUBURN: Rossano, O'Donnell, Tomasic, Woods, Plriz, Mosquera, Perdomo, Haste, Calcaterra, Genc, Carrizo.

W'GAH F/WATER 0
PENRITH CITY 1

A goal four minutes from full-time game Penrith City a 1-0 win over Warringah Freshwater at Cromer Park.

AVALA 1
W'GONG MAC 1

DESPITE having one player sent off the second game running, Avala continued their revival when they drew 1-1 with Wollongong Macedonia at Knight Park.

The game was hard fought with few scoring opportunities falling to either team and Avala faced an uphill battle when midfielder Glen Jeffries was sent off in the 30th minute for ungentlemanly conduct.

Avala's task looked even harder when Wollongong scored in the 43rd minute following a quick throw on the left.

However, Avala mustered itself for a big effort and, after a handball by one of the visitors' defenders inside the penalty area striker Radavan Filipovic converted from the penalty spot to level the scores.

Best players for Avala were Tommy Steven, Ross Brown and Tommy Radak.

AVALA: Thurton, Blackburn, Divani, Brown, Steven, Blazic, Marlin, Jeffries, Radak (Blagojevic 78min) Filipovic, Bratkovic (Altagic 82min).

The victory gave the visitors their eighth point from their last five games and although still in second last place, Penrith has become one of the form teams of the state league.

The game itself was closely contested with each team having several chances and both keepers were called on to make some brilliant saves.

Penrith's first real chance came in the 51st minute when Stuart McLeod hit the ball over an open goalmouth after Micky Quaraby had rattled the crossbar.

Penrith's goal, in the 86th minute, came against the run of play when John Ginn ran onto a Quaraby through ball and collided with keeper Dave Bowman. When the ball broke loose, striker Stuart McLeod followed through and buried his 22 metre shot into the back of the net.

PENRITH: Edwards, Hatton, Campbell, Hobb, Shaw, Jamieson, Thompson, Cross, Quaraby, Grey (Ginn 78min), McLeod.

WARRINGAH: Bowman, Watt, Casacchia, J. Bottatoco, Sterry, Berry, A. Bottatoco (Silva 45min), Tkackick (Duckling 68min), Corrigan, Burke, Drane.

POLONIA 0
MELITA 2

TWO goals in six minutes gave Melita a well-deserved 2-0 victory over a lacklustre Polonia at Chopin Park.

Melita dominated from the outset and had numerous opportunities to score.

However, the visitors only managed to break the deadlock in the 43rd minute when striker Jim Meerbani netted with a first time shot after a good cross from the right by Warren Dalton.

Four minutes after the break Dalton continued with Len Vial and Andrew Callanan to head home Melita's second goal.

Melita had numerous chances in the second half but failed to capitalise on their territorial dominance.

Ray Farrugia, Vial and Callanan were outstanding for Melita while central defenders Allan Robertson and Leigh Kulwicki shone out for Polonia.

POLONIA: Anderson, Chan, Pratt, Kulwicki, Robertson, Colusso, Sobczyk, Geekie (Smith 60min), Dry, Janic, Pop.

MELITA: Pupovac, McCoy, Williams, Wilson, Gregson, Callanan, Farrugia, Vial, Farnsworth, Dalton, Meerbani.



MILAN BLAGOJEVIC
Avala

KU-RING-GAI 2
FAIRY MEADOW 1

KU-RING-GAI cemented its spot jointly at the top of the competition table with a solid 2-1 with over bottom-placed Fairy Meadow at Parklands Oval.

The locals dominated from the start but were unable to penetrate Fairy Meadow's stacked defence until the 51st minute when striker Craig Bass headed home a Lee Sutherland cross at the far post.

Ku-ring-gai increased their lead in the 80th minute when striker Mark Nile scored from a through ball by Nigel Groome.

Two minutes later, Nile was judged to have fouled a Fairy Meadow attacker inside the penalty area and the visitors' striker, Paul Kirwan, coolly netted from the spot to bring up the final scoreline.

Groome, Sutherland, Allan Goldsworthy and Leigh Watson stood out

for Ku-ring-gai, while John Krajnovic and captain Larry Beringer, were the visitors' best players.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Keaveny, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Groome, Sutherland, Williamson (McKegan 82min), Nile (Ferguson 85min), Bass, Quigley.

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic, Ind (Hobbs 82min) Burleigh, Kerr, BEYRINGER, McGuire, Marjanovic, Miezo, Carlo, Rey (Dummett 53min), Kirwan.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

POINTS

UNDER 13

Div 1: Marconi 31, Illawarra 27, Blacktown 23, St George 19, Melita 18, Olympic 17, APIA 15, Gladesville 11, Nepean 5, Canterbury 4.

Div 2: Southern Dists 29, Granville 28, Sutherland 21, Ku-ring-gai 21, Central Coast 19, Macarthur 18, Manly 13, Sydney City 12, Nth Bankstown 9, Avala 0.

Div 3: Croatia 34, Canterbury 23, Rockdale 23, Bankstown 19, Blacktown 19, Auburn 17, Polonia 17, Yugal 13, Campbelltown 5.

UNDER 14
Div 1: Marconi 32, Olympic 27, Blacktown 25, APIA 21, Illawarra 18, Melita 14, St George 12, Gladesville 7, Canterbury 7, Nepean 7.

Div 2: Sydney City 28, Granville 24, Central Coast 24, Ku-ring-gai 24, Southern Dists 22, Avala 13, Manly 12, Sutherland 11, Nth Bankstown 9, Macarthur 3.

Div 3: Croatia 29, Campbelltown 27, Blacktown 23, Polonia 22, Rockdale 19, Canterbury 17, Bankstown 16, Auburn 13, Yugal 4.

UNDER 15
Div 1: Melita 29, Olympic 25, Blacktown 25, APIA 22, Marconi 18, St George 17, Canterbury 16, Nepean 7, Illawarra 6, Gladesville 5.

Div 2: Sydney City 25, Sutherland 24, Macarthur 23, Southern Dists 22, Central Coast 21, Ku-ring-gai 15, Avala 13, Nth Bankstown 13, Manly 10, Granville 4.

Div 3: Croatia 30, Rockdale 26, Blacktown 22, Canterbury 19, Bankstown 18, Auburn 18, Yugal 17, Campbelltown 10, Polonia 10.

UNDER 16
Div 1: Olympic 28, Marconi 24, St George 22, Canterbury 21, APIA 19, Gladesville 19, Blacktown 12, Nepean 11, Melita 9, Illawarra 5.

Div 2: Macarthur 25, Southern Dists 25, Manly 24, Nth Bankstown 21, Avala 19, Sydney City 18, Central Coast 11, Sutherland 11,

Granville 10, Ku-ring-gai 6.

Div 3: Croatia 31, Blacktown 24, Auburn 20, Canterbury 20, Bankstown 19, Yugal 18, Campbelltown 16, Polonia 12, Rockdale 10.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

GIRLS GROUP A

ROUND 1

Northmead 2 Greystones 2, Merrylands 1, Baulkham Hills 3, Parramatta 0 Grantham 1, Pendle Hill 1 Holroyd 2, Model Farms 0, Bidwill 3 Girraween 6, Mitchell 3 Muirfield 1.

ROUND 2

James Ruse 2 Northmead 1, Grantham 1, Holroyd 3, Castle Hill 4, Cumberland 0, Bidwill 3 Doonside 0, Mitchell 3 Blacktown Girls 1, Jamison 4 Katoomba 0.

ROUND 3

Holroyd 2 Castle Hill 0, Bidwill 5 Mitchell 0, Jamison 5 Blaxland 4.

ROUND 4

Greystanes 0 Holroyd 3.

NORTH COAST

GIRLS

ROUND 1

Kadina 0 Lismore 1, Toormina 0 Dorrigo 3, Melville 0 West Port 6.

ROUND 2

West Port 2 Wauchope 3.

SOUTH COAST

GIRLS

ROUND 1

Northmead 2* Granville Sth Fort 1, St Marys 0 Richmond 1, Penrith 2 Colyton 0, Cambridge Park 5 Blacktown 0.

ROUND 2

Northmead 3 Richmond 1, Penrith 0 Cambridge Park 3.

ROUND 3

Northmead 5 Cambridge Park 3.

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ROUND 3

Woonona 5 Warrawong 0, Oak Flats 4 Warilla 2, Bowral 1 Mulwaree 3.

ROUND 4

Rooty Hill 1 St Marys 4, Springwood 0 Whalan 7, Dunheved 0 Penrith 11, Cambridge Park 3 Richmond 1.

ROUND 5

St Marys 1 Whalan 2, Penrith 5 Cambridge Park 0.

ROUND 6

Whalan 1 Penrith 4.

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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

BRISBANE CLUBS ENTER CORRIDORS OF POWER

QUEENSLAND's two National League clubs, Brisbane City and Lions are puzzled as to why they have been invited to a meeting of the Sydney-dominated Northern Division clubs this week.

The invitation, extended last week by NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta, caught officials from both clubs by surprise. But both clubs will send representatives.

According to officials from the two Queensland clubs, in issuing the invitation, Mr Labbozzetta said the meeting was aimed at resolving a few points and putting a few rumors to rest.

But the Queenslanders are baffled as to why they were included with the Northern clubs

and not in a similar meeting of the Southern Division clubs held in Melbourne late last week.

"At first we thought the invitation to Sydney might be for our last supper," one Queensland official said.

"It's all very puzzling and we will be going along to find out what's happening."

At this stage both Brisbane clubs are staring axing in the face and are ready to grab any life-saving twig — although it's unlikely that's the reason behind

the NSL calling the meeting.

But it will be an opportunity for the Queensland clubs to canvass others in the same desperate position.

It is known Brisbane City have been approached to back legal moves to challenge the NSL selection criteria while Lions have given considerable attention to a letter being circulated by Canberra calling for a maintaining of the status quo.

Meanwhile, calls to establish a Brisbane United in the event of one of the Queensland clubs winning a place in the final 14 have been bucketed by a leading QSF official.

QSF secretary Alan Vessey, commenting in his weekly column in the Federation's magazine Go Soccer, says he believes it would be a mistake for the QSF to field a team in the national league.

"It would be putting all our eggs in one basket. If the national league team was doing badly then it would be seen by some that Queensland Soccer as a whole was doing poorly," Vessey said.

"It would severely impede the promotability of the state team and could also diminish the representative carrot offered through selection in the Queensland team.

Furthermore, it costs at least \$200,000 to put an NSL team on the park and quite frankly the QSF does not have that amount of surplus funds."

COL BENNETT



'DESPERATION' MEASURES

BRISBANE LIONS coach Col Bennett, nicknamed "desperate Dan" during his playing days, has taken another victim.

BY COL BENNETT

The former Socceroo has put talented young fullback Nick Meredith on crutches after a training accident. The incident came only a week after Bennett sidelined his star striker Danny Wright with a similar crunching tackle.

Bennett, who played

55 times for Australia, has been training with the Lions team over the past fortnight as he contemplated a playing comeback. He came on for 20 minutes against Adelaide City recently.

The genial coach, who originally got the "desperate" nickname because his moustache gave him cowboy looks, has been acutely embarrassed by the two "killer tackles".

"I just don't know how they happened. If anything I probably eased off," Bennett said.

"But it seems Danny and Nick just seemed to prop on the ball or something and went over on their ankles."

Wright, who lost his place in the Socceroo training squad because of the injury, was expected to be sidelined for three weeks while Meredith for at least a fortnight.

Lions were hoping to gain a week's breathing space to get them fit but have had their match against Sunshine George Cross brought forward from August 3 to July 27.

Lions have Russell Stewart in the Socceroo squad and he would have been unavailable for their match had it gone ahead on August 3.

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grossly in debt because of financial overcommitment.

Overall, the drastic cut-off proposed this year in State and national league has not helped the game — as it was hardly expected to.

It is to be hoped that what it produces next year, will be worth it for the progress of the game in this country.

If not, all the current upheaval, epitomised with the recent sacking of John Dordjevic by Avala will have been for naught.

Avala sacked Dordjevic, and replaced him with Harry Noon, who held the position for several weeks and then was himself replaced — who by John Dordjevic!

This type of happening indicates the unstable nature of Soccer in this country.

It is what makes it laughed at by so many non-Soccer sections of the community.

Yet there has been much progress in Soccer since I first came to this country in 1960s, and this progress should continue.

All Soccer people can take hope from that.

CLOSE RUN IN XXXX LEAGUE

QUEENSLAND's XXXX League competition has turned into a thrilling cliffhanger.

At the three-quarter stage of the season only two points separate the top five clubs and only five points separate the top seven.

A string of upset results in round 11 saw the table congest and now an exciting end to the season is assured.

With no matches last weekend because of the Ampol Cup knockout competition semi-finals, most teams used the spare time to prepare for the weekend's key clashes.

Coalstars and Easts still lead the table but they have come back to the pack. The two clubs, which have dictated the pace all season are locked in no.1 position with 15 points. Coalstars have a slender one-goal better goal difference.

But hot on their heels are North Star with 14 points. The O'Callaghan Parkers have struggled

QUEENSLAND UNDER 16s SELECTED

AUSTRALIAN Under 16 representative Damien Butler will anchor the Queensland Secondary Schools team to contest the Nationals in Sydney in September.

Butler, who plays top grade football with Ipswich United in the XXXX League, was among a 16-man squad named after the recent Queensland Championships.

The Queensland Schools team is: Jason Kearton (St Edmunds), James Middleton (Mount Gravatt SHS), Damien Butler (Inala SHS), Robert Marinov (Clairvaux), Paul Laycock (Cleveland SHS), Andrew Tolputt (Harristown SHS), Neil Bertoldo (Mareeba SHS), Danny Ibanez (St Laurence's), Anthony Brown (Toowoomba SHS), Anthony Knobloch (Toowoomba SHS), Justin Kilshaw (Kedron SHS), Harry Makridakis (Brisbane SHS), Alan Simsek (Shailer Park SHS), Scot Rackley (The Gap SHS), Andrew Finn (Harristown SHS), Glen Stanovitz (North Bundaberg).

The State Championships were won by Darling Downs. It was the region's first ever State Secondary Schools title.

The Downs beat Peninsula, based on far North Queensland, 2-1 in the final after beating Brisbane West 3-0 in the semis.

in recent weeks and have failed to register a win in four matches. But they have still stayed with the leaders through picking up one pointers and that looms as an ominous sign.

Any club which can go through a mid-season slump and stay in third position must be a good tip for the title if they can finish strongly.

Olympic United have been the real darkhorses of the competition and under the astute guidance of Juan Cutillas has slowly and quietly moved up the table.

They are presently in fourth place on 13 points. Also on 13 are Ipswich United, who many had started to write off.

But the reigning champions proved they are still among the title fancies when they beat Coalstars 2-1 in their local derby.

Ipswich coach Matt Carson is a master of peaking his side at the right time of the season and with \$10,000 winner take all riding on this year's XXXX League grand final, Ipswich like most clubs, are putting their major emphasis on the top four rather than the championship, which carries a flag and a trophy.

Ironically, this weekend's round of matches include replays of last weekend's cup semi-finals. Coalstars and Lions will return to Perry Park to meet in the Saturday night game while North Star will host Taringa the following day. Other matches this weekend include Easts v Grange Thistle; Mt Gravatt v Wynnum and Olympic v Ipswich Utd.



DANNY WRIGHT

STATE STORY

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WHY NO MATCH OF THE DAY PROMOTION

BY ISA?

IT will be the match of the season when Premier League champions Bulli meet Warilla Wanderers at Slacks Flat on Saturday and it is one clash that certainly deserved a Sunday match-of-the-day promotion.

With Wollongong City away this weekend, the ISA had a perfect opportunity to promote this important fixture but they already had a Bampton Cup semi-final scheduled for Sunday.

This means there is no match-of-the-day listed and all Premier League games are to be played on Saturday.

After leading the competition for the first 14 rounds, Warilla struck problems when they were convincingly beaten 4-2 by Aris then went down 1-0 to Cringila in a shock result.

That left them five points behind Bulli, making their job of winning the title a lot harder.

Coach Eddie Mullan says there is still a long way to go but he is concerned at the way his defence reacts to teams

putting early pressure on them.

"Against Cringila we could easily have been down 3-0 at half-time and it is something we have to work hard on," Mullan said.

Striker Robert Hernandez will miss this week's game after being sent off against Cringila on a charge of foul and abusive language.

The game will mark the last appearance this season of key Bulli midfielder Tony Charnock who is going to Korea to study coal mining after winning a scholarship.

Bulli coach Norm Flanagan says Charnock will certainly be missed but he has been working on a few things to plug the gap and is confident he has the players to win the club's second successive championship.

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Cringila coach Darryl Glover has been critical of the lack of interest shown by the club's reserve graders this season.

He said their attendance at training has been shocking and this reflects on how the first grade players perform at weekends.

"If the blokes in first grade don't have any real pressure on them they won't perform every week and this is what has been happening," Glover said.

"The clubs who are doing well will always have some good, dedicated reserve players breathing down the necks of the first graders."

The strange thing is Cringila's reserve grade team were on top of the table until just a few weeks back.

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The future of Fairy Meadow is uncertain as they languish on the bot-

tom of the State league after doing so well in their debut season last year.

Coach Larry Ashbolt took over the reins from Mike Johnson last month and says he feels the players he took over weren't fit.

"I don't know what they used to do at training but they didn't do much work on their general fitness," Ashbolt claimed.

"No-one can expect to be successful with a team in this standard of football if the players aren't fit to perform."

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Wollongong Macedonia striker Dean Gardiner wasn't at all happy when coach John Birmingham replaced him early in the second half of the home game against Polonia.

Gardiner took his shirt off whilst walking from the field and after changing told a Macedonia official he wanted to quit the club.

Club secretary Bob

Kezovski said after the game he would talk with the player after he had "cooled off".

Ironically Macedonia scored their winning goal as Gardiner was talking to the official before leaving the ground.

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Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

A week later, in-form defender Craig Veney went off skiing to New Zealand for three weeks along with two players from reserve grade.

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Bulli goalkeeper Gio Rossi has been spotted training with Newcastle club Weston but he isn't interested in a transfer.

Rossi, who only recently forced his way into the Bulli side, has been moved in his job to Newcastle.

He can only get back to Wollongong weekends but the Weston Club have agreed to let him train with them through the week.

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Allfab Shellharbour supporters had plenty to smile about after their team outclassed Figtree 4-1 at Graham Park.

Shellharbour have been noted for their dour defence rather than an ability to get goals this season but this game changed dramatically.

The score was 1-1 at half-time but Shellharbour grabbed two goals in the space of a minute just after the break and coach Les Sheedy said after the game his team have the ability to come with a late run and get into the semi-finals.

Sheedy only recently took over the job from John Boyle and had every reason to feel confident after the Graham Park win.

Shellharbour's problem is that they have to meet all the top teams on their run home and the pressure will really be on them.

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The Apple Isle

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPELA

RICHARD LESZCZYNSKI RIGHT ON TARGET

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

RICHARD Leszczynski scored his second hat-trick of the season and became the leading goalscorer in the Cadbury State League Soccer competition as White Eagles trounced Metro-Claremont 6-0 at South Hobart.

The win lifted Eagles to top spot in the league, level on 22 points with Croatia-Glenorchy, which somewhat luckily beat Howrah 3-2 in yesterday's early game.

Juventus-Pioneer, the reigning league champion, slumped to third place, one point behind the leading pair, after yesterday's results and because of its surprising 2-0 loss to Rapid on Friday.

Metro now seems doomed to relegation. It is three points adrift of Howrah and Rapid at the foot of the table and its goal difference is an alarming -34.

Eagles cruised to a comfortable 4-0 lead within 28 minutes against Metro and, although it slackened off considerably in the second half, it was never in any danger and added two more goals for good measure in the final ten minutes.

Richard Leszczynski displayed determination and acceleration to score in the 6th and 9th minutes and give his side a perfect start, while Franco Previdi added a third goal from Andrew Leszczynski's free-kick midway through the half.

Richard Leszczynski

completed his hat-trick in the 28th minute with a delightful goal which was worthy of the league's leading marksman.

He controlled Stoddart's high lob with his heel and flicked the ball forward and over a defender before driving a low shot into the net from just inside the penalty area.

David Stoddart and Franco Previdi completed the scoring in a second half that almost put everyone to sleep, including Eagles' coach Steve Darby, who was seen to be yawning as he left the bench at the end of the match.

Croatia-Glenorchy appeared to be in a mean mood when it scored twice through John McIntyre in the opening half against Howrah but, in the end, it was extremely fortunate to come away with both points.

Two crucial saves late in the game by Croatia's goalkeeper, Stephen Smith, one at the feet of Karl Brightman, the other against Gary Schueler, saved David Crosson's men and gave them second position in the league on goal-difference.

Croatia was without the injured Larry Nunn and used Peter Thompson in midfield instead of a sweeper, a move which might well have contributed to it conceding two goals.

Robbie New scored Howrah's first goal shortly after the interval when he was put through by Alistair Hales, but Croatia's centre-back, Peter

Huigloot, must take some of the blame as he ran with New and failed to apply any pressure at all as the striker picked his spot.

Without any disrespect to Howrah, there was an element of luck about its equaliser in the 57th minute, too.

Schueler's miskick on the left found Brightman in front of goal and he would have had time to park his car before scoring as the Croatia defence watched and waited for him to shoot.

It will take a bit of luck to win the title this year, and Croatia seemed to have more than its fair share in this match. The winning goal, scored nine minutes from time, provided concrete evidence of that.

As Croatia surged for-

Cadbury State League Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	15	10	2	3	50	20	22
Croatia-Glenorchy	15	10	2	3	31	15	22
Juventus-Pioneer	15	10	1	4	42	25	21
Olympia-WPL	15	9	1	5	42	23	19
Caledonians	15	6	3	6	28	42	15
Rapid	15	3	2	10	18	33	8
Howrah	15	3	2	10	22	41	8
Metro-Claremont	15	2	1	12	10	44	5

JUVENTUS

TRIUMPHANT

LAUNCESTON Juventus caused the upset of the 15th round of the State League North when they powered to a 3-1 victory over leaders Georgetown on a wet Prospect pitch.

Referee Jack Johnston passed the ground as playable and the teams commenced battle.

Although Juventus pressed early for a breakthrough, it was Georgetown that struck first. The Town earned a 19th min. corner and Monagle's head converted a Farrell cross.

Disaster struck for the Town 2 minutes after the resumption of play when Dennis skinned a ball into the danger area and Guest drove a low shot home.

Sixteen minutes later, Juve hit the front when Davidson, who was

looking very menacing, crossed to Guest who followed up his initial shot to beat Carstens.

Davidson was again given the room to cross a perfect ball for Guest. He rose to meet the ball and plant it past a challenging Carstens.

Yet, it's a happy combination that turns out every week with one thing in mind: to improve its playing standard.

Although Juve were finding opportunities galore, Georgetown was making it difficult and one of their only real chances came to Hughes whose shot was deflected by Dent.

WHITE EAGLES SOAR OVER JUVE

PIONEER

JUVENTUS-Pioneer had their lead in the Tasmanian Cadbury State League competition whittled down to one point when they lost 4-2 to White Eagles.

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

Croatia-Glenorchy is in second place after three consecutive victories, the last two being against Eagles and Olympia, and both coming after Croatia were a goal down.

Metro-Claremont is staring relegation in the face after being given a 6-1 hiding by Caledonians, while Rapid and Howrah eased their relegation worries somewhat by sharing the points in a 3-3 draw.

Perry Forster gave Olympia a 25th-minute

lead against Croatia but Dominic O'Brien equalised from the penalty spot 10 minutes later.

Fullback Sean Collins grabbed the winner, his second goal of the season, on the hour. Neil Thomas took a corner from the right and Collins stopped to head past Martin Burden before wheeling away in delight in imitation of an aeroplane, just like Brazil's Careca.

Northern Newsreel

WITH DAVE WILLIAMS

WHEN a team is not far from the bottom of the premiership points table then lethargy, indifference and bickering can have an even worsening effect.

But, there are some who will still do their best under any circumstances.

The Newcastle Rosebud United Youth team has had its bad days this season and, at the time of writing, had won only three and drawn one of its 15 games. The team had scored 14 goals against 32 and was in 10th place in the Northern Division of the Youth League.

Yet, it's a happy combination that turns out every week with one thing in mind: to improve its playing standard.

Coached by the former First Division star Peter Dewhurst, the young Rosebud side gives a 90-minute effort each time it takes the field — a fact that is

appreciated by the club and its supporters.

Team manager Allan Harrison is full of praise for the attitude of the team, which contains several 16-year-olds. But he is reluctant to single out any one for special mention.

"They're all good boys," he says.

Nevertheless, Rosebud secretary Ernie Lamb said that credit was due to midfielder Peter McGuinness.

"Peter has played less football than his team mates because he has often been on standby for the National League team.

"But he knows that there is value in just being on the bench, being close to the play and listening to coach Peter Irving's comments.

"That's part of the learning process," he said.

And, just for the record, Allan Harrison said that every member of the Rosebud Youth team looked forward to each edition of Australian Soccer Weekly.

Cadbury State League Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juve-Pioneer	14	10	1	3	42	23	21
White Eagles	14	9	2	3	44	20	20
Croatia-Glen	14	9	2	3	38	13	20
Olympia-WPL	14	8	1	5	38	23	17
Caledonians	14	6	3	5	28	38	15
Howrah	14	3	2	9	20	38	8
Rapid	14	2	2	10	16	33	6
Metro-Clare	14	2	1	11	10	38	5

Details: Olympia-WPL (Forster) Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (O'Brien, pen., Collins); Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Cochrane, Broadhouse, pen.) White Eagles 4 (A. Leszczynski 3, R. Leszczynski); Rapid 3 (Nikolai, Cionci, Fletcher) Howrah 3 (Hales



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GENDLE STARS FOR METRO WEST IN HIGH SCHOOLS' INTER REGIONALS

RUSSELL GENDLE of Parramatta High School was voted CHS 'Player of the Carnival' at the Inter Regional Soccer Championship at Balgownie.

He played for Metropolitan West, who won all six games to capture the title for the second year running.

The weather, despite being a little chilly, turned on three sunny days which helped ensure a very smooth running and well organised carnival by the South Coast Region.

The city teams proved to be of superior ability from the outset. This was probably aided by the ease in preparing a city squad over that of a country team.

North Coast had their first training session, as a team, when they arrived in Wollongong.

Despite this, all regions played with great enthusiasm and no team could be taken lightly.

Metropolitan West's first game was against the spirited Western Region. They played a fast open game which had Western running after the ball for at least 80% of the game and were comfortable winners 3-0.

The following game against Met. North was anticipated as the hardest in this pool. Met. West dominated play from the start and played great team Soccer to go away with a very convincing 3-0 win.

Met. West made a number of changes for this game to keep all the squad in match practice and North Coast came out fired up and prepared to hassle and unsettle them. They achieved this and we

FROM RON PRATT

found ourselves 0-1 down after the 1st half. To the boys' credit they regained their composure and finished with a strong 2-1 win.

The final game of Pool A was against an enthusiastic Hunter team, who still had a chance of a semi-final position. Met. West, unlike the previous game, took control early and completed the round-robin with a strong 2-0 win.

In a cold and furious wind we faced a very strong Metropolitan East team in the semi-final. Despite finishing second in their pool, they were the strongest and most skillful team in Pool B.

Despite the atrocious conditions both teams played hard, fast and open Soccer. Many scoring chances fell to both teams and Met. East obviously saved their best for this game. In a match that should have been the final we were facing extra-time until Met. West were awarded a free kick just over 20 metres outside the goal.

Russell Gendle with great poise and finish planted the goal in the left hand corner with three minutes to go. In a nail-biting game we finished winners 1-0.

Final: It was almost a relief to finish the competition against Met. North in the Final. The team was quietly confident and lost the nervousness of the semi-final. Still, Met. North could not be taken easily after their strong finish in their semi-final against Pool B winners — Met. South West.

Met. West were quick to dominate, settle play and move the ball with more ease than the previous game. Once playing the wide open Soccer of our team plan, Met. West completed the tournament with a polished 3-0 win and were undeniably the 1986 championship winners.

In retrospect the boys' professional attitude and dedication throughout the training sessions and the carnival was most impressive. The squad developed into good friends which helped the atmosphere of the team both on and off the field.

Thanks go to Steve Middleton for the preparation of equipment and carnival arrangements and Blacktown City Soccer Club (in particular David Lee and Casey De Bruin) for help and support with training sessions.



SAINTS' YOUTH SUCCESS

THE link between the juniors and the seniors is vital to any club, particularly where the juniors and youth teams are producing players of quality.

Pictured at top are St George under 16 players of 1985 who have bridged the gap to the NSL Youth team.

Underneath is the recently photographed full St George 1986 Youth squad.



NSW STATE TITLES

1986 VENUES

U11: Aug 23/25, Riverina ground to be decided.
U12: Aug 23/25, Goulburn.
U13: Oct 4/6, Lithgow.
U14: Oct 4/6, Parklea.
U15: Aug 23/25, Parklea.
U16: Oct 4/6, Parklea.



WHITEBRIDGE, WESTY IN COMMONWEALTH SUCCESS

WHITEBRIDGE High in recent years has easily been the Hunter Region's most consistent Soccer school. This season is no different.

However, they have had a pretty tough draw on this occasion but are still hanging in there. They are under new management in 1986 with Colin Eason and John Seskus guiding their fortunes.

BY BILL TURNER

To date they have beaten Broadmeadow 7-0 Newcastle 2-0, Merewether 4-3 on penalties after a 0-0 scoreline and Francis Greenway, Beresfield 3-2.

An own goal gave Whitebridge a bit of a fright by the odd goal in five.

Whitebridge 3 (Kahl Buchanan 2, Matthew Harper) d Francis Greenway, Beresfield 2 (Steven Allenby o/g, Ron King) at Pasadena Crescent Ground, Beresfield. Referee Mr Paul Marr.

West Wallsend proved to be the bogey side for the luckless Kotara, in their Round Five clash at the famous Northern NSW ground of Johnson Park, West Wallsend.

Only five days later West Wallsend were on hand to beat Kotara again, this time in the Pool final of the OAK Bill Turner Cup via the penalty system.

A hat-trick by Scott Baillie sealed the fate of the game 3-2.

West Wallsend 3 (Scott Baillie 3) d Kotara 2.

Referee Mr D. Odgers.

Round 6 Whitebridge (H) v Lismore (A). Duval (Armidale H) v West Wallsend (A).

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 17 DIVISION 1

Illawarra	vs B'town City	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Melita	vs Apia Leich	3-0	1-3	0-6	0-1
Nepean Assoc	vs Gladesville	2-4	1-1	1-1	2-0
Marconi	vs Syd Olympic	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0
Cant Marrick	vs St George	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-3
		1-1	0-0	0-1	4-2

DIVISION 2

Granville Assoc	vs Sutherland	2-1	2-1	0-4	0-0
Central Coast	vs Nth Bankstown	4-1	1-1	2-0	2-3
Macarthur Assoc	vs Ku-ring-gai	3-1	2-5	2-1	2-0
Avala	vs Sthn Districts	0-5	1-2	0-1	1-3
Manly Assoc	vs Sydney City	3-1	0-1	1-5	3-0

DIVISION 3

U. Auburn	vs Canterbury	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-3
Croatia Syd	vs Bankstown Ass	2-0	1-1	5-2	3-1
Syd Yugal	vs Polonia Syd	0-2	0-1	1-2	3-0
Blacktown Assoc	vs Rockdale	1-2	1-2	1-4	3-1
	Campbelltown bye				

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND 9

U/11	U/12	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Granville	vs Bankstown	0-4	1-3		
Sutherland	vs Macarthur	3-1	2-0		
Canterbury	vs Blacktown	2-0	3-2		
Nepean	vs Central Coast	2-1	1-0		
Sthn Districts	vs Illawarra			4-1	
Granville	vs St George	3-1	1-5		

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METROPOLITAN WEST



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ST DOMINICS TO PLAY CANTERBURY

ANOTHER two great games were played last Monday night at Melita Stadium in the divisional play-offs in the last 16 of the Oak Turner Cup.

They were games where the good number of spectators were disappointed to hear the full-time whistle.

The first game between St Dominics, Penrith and Holy Cross, Ryde saw a 0-0 halftime score after a very even first half, highlighted by some good saves at either end by the respective keepers, Jim Smith

for St Dominics and Matthew Sweeney for Holy Cross.

In the second half St Dominics began to gain early ascendancy, inspired by Craig Smith with his well-placed passes. He narrowly missed scoring with a couple of excellent moves, hitting the bar on one occasion from a well-worked free kick.

Holy Cross now came back into the game and end to end play still produced no goals. Then with two minutes remaining the deadlock was broken.

Another Craig Smith pass split the defence to

BOYS HS

BY LINDSAY HEWISON

Scott McArdle who scored to put St Dominics ahead.

Now Holy Cross desperately attacked and scored! A handball in the area and Holy Cross were awarded a penalty. A magnificent save by Jim Smith, followed immediately by the full-time whistle brought a great match to an end — St Dominics 1-0.

The second match proved to be as good as the first. Patrician Brothers Fairfield inspired by the lovely skills of diminutive Alex Mendez (only 13 yrs old) and the running of Martin Menicaro did most of the early attacking before Canterbury opened the scoring against the run of play by a goal from Jonathan Heron.

This stung Fairfield back into action but the score at the break remained unchanged.

After half-time both teams stepped up the pace. Now it was lightning fast, end to end moves with little Mendez the focus of attention for Fairfield and John Vagelatos leading the Canterbury counter-attacks.

If anything Fairfield were quicker getting to the ball and probably had more of the play but as mist began to swirl over the ground, reducing visibility for the spectators, they were denied repeatedly by an outstanding display from Canterbury keeper Frank Miculetic. — Canterbury 1-0.

St Dominics will now play Canterbury Boys' in a quarter-final match at Melita Stadium on Monday July 28th at 6pm.

SYDNEY BOY COURTED

BY SOUTHAMPTON

SYDNEY Olympic's Under 15 midfielder Stefan Gee has been invited to Southampton for trials.

A left or central midfielder, he had four weeks with the club seven months ago. And now they want him back.

But he is also in demand here in Australia, where he is currently in the last 26 under coach Vic Dalglish's eye for the next World U16 Cup.

The youngster was brought out to Australia at the age of two and so is English by birth but Australian-trained in Soccer.

Last December his father Jim Gee took him to Southampton where he trialled with boys drawn from all over the UK.

No formal games were played but the Southampton associated youth players showed

BY KEITH GILMOUR

what they had learnt against other clubs.

Opponents included Tottenham, Chelsea, Wimbledon and Bristol City.

Jim Gee said: "Stefan's big objective is to play professional Soccer."

"He compared himself with English youngsters and showed out well."

"In inviting Stefan back Southampton's Youth Development Officer Bob Higgins said that they would not do so unless he had possibilities."

"His cost to get there again would have to be paid and then Southampton do the rest as they did before."

"Stefan would play in an U15 international tournament and stay on for further training." — Canterbury 1-0.

He stressed that nothing firm had been offered at this stage but clearly the interest is there.

NEWCASTLE'S TIGHT OAK TURNER CUP RESULTS

POOL 3. Cardiff and Glendale fought out a dour match in this final of Pool Three. Neither side was willing to give an inch and a large portion of the play centred around the

midfield.

Last year Glendale reached the final, going down 1-0 to Canberra and early in this game appeared determined to follow their big brothers. However, Cardiff held and eventually started to get on top.

OAK TURNER CUP RESULTS

THE popular all Schools Turner Cup, sponsored by Hunter District Dairy Co-op Ltd under the Oak brand name is reaching a very interesting stage.

All 16 pools are or have reached their final stages leading to final 16 play-offs.

Pool 1: Final

Lismore 4 d Ballina 2.

Pool 2: Semi-finals

Forster d Wingham, Orara d Westport.

Pool 3: Final

Cardiff 2 d Glendale 1.

Pool 4: Final

West Wallsend 0-5pen d Kotara 0-4pen.

Pool 5:

Duval 5 d T.A.S. 0. Semifinal Armidale v Duval — winner to meet Tamworth. Tamworth 3 d Oxley 2; Gunnedah 1 d Narrabri 0; S/F Tamworth 3 d Gunnedah 1.

Pool 6: Final

Whitebridge 2 d Broadmeadow 0.

Pool 7:

St Edwards (Gosford) 3 d Woy Woy 1, Umina v St Edwards.

Pool 8: Final

Balgowlah 1 d Normanhurst 0.

Pool 9: Final

Holy Cross, Ryde 2 d St Patricks, Dundas 1.

Pool 10: Final

St Dominics, Penrith 4 d Rooty Hill 0.

Pool 11: Final

Patrician Bros., Fairfield 1 d Condell Park 0.

Pool 12: Final

Canterbury Boys' 2 d Sylvania 1.

Pool 13: Final

J.J. Cahill 2 d Strathfield South 1.

Pool 14: Final

Warrawong 4 d Woonoona 0.

Pool 15: ACT — Riverina.

Melba 1 d Campbell 0, Belconnen 2 d Weatson 0, Canberra 3 d Melba 0.

Winner Belconnen and Canberra play the winner Wade (Griffith) and Albury North.

Pool 16: Final

Kelso, Bathurst 7 d St Johns, Dubbo 2.

DICK POWELL BOOSTS THE RIVERINA

THE Riverina Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation did well to appoint Dick Powell as the successor as president to Bob Maundrell.

BY FRANK FINLAY

He is totally dedicated and committed to the code.

Already he has proved to be a man of vision who has the ability to foresee and handle administrative problems in advance.

Unfortunately at another level the co-ordination of the NSW Country representative teams this year left a deal to be desired.

It led to my resigning as manager of the Under 15 country representatives.

I believe Dick Powell will do everything possible to secure professional administration with the ability to communicate properly.

Educated in England with an engineering degree from Oxford University, he has a wife and four children and is a water supply engineer for the Northern Riverina County Council.

He started out as secretary of Temora Soccer Club and next became secretary of South West Slopes Soccer Association for four years before moving into the Riverina Branch secretaryship.

In addition he is a Class 3 referee.

For the Soccer buff it was not an entertaining game but Cardiff were deserving winners.

Cardiff 2 (Dean Adamson, Alan Gilday) d Glendale 1 (Murray Bailey). Triple-Header at Macquarie Field, Speers Point. Referee David Mason.

POOL 6. The third match at Speers Point in the OAK-Bill Turner Cup Pool finals saw the Newcastle favourites this year, Whitebridge, make very hard work of deflating a gallant Broadmeadow.

Penalties d Kotara 0-4 Penalties. Match two at Macquarie Field, Speers Point. Referee David Mason.

It was almost the case of a big skilful side beating a small skilful side. Perhaps the Whitebridge players missed their usual enthusiastic supporters, who were noticeably absent on the night.

It was only dogged defence from the Whitebridge side that kept the nippy Broadmeadow forwards at bay.

Brett Eldridge and Shayne Williams had sound games and Jim Magnisalis looked dangerous up front for Whitebridge.

Wilko Vukadinovic, while steady had one or two anxious moments in goals while John Elkovich and Damien Watson had some bright patches.

Whitebridge 2 (Kyle Harper, Dean Scott) d Broadmeadow 0. Referee Paul Marr.

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Results & Tables from Around Australia

NORTHERN DIVISION

MARCONI 5 (P Tredinnick, I Gray, T Henderson, D Lowe, R Brown) CANTERBURY 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1387.

CANBERRA 3 (S Bryant, I Gibson, J Dunn) ST GEORGE 1 (G Fletcher) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 674.

WOLLONGONG 2 (R Giraldo 2) MONARO 0 at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1200.

LEICHHARDT 1 (T Butler) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd: 4816.

SYDNEY CITY 3 (M Barnes, G Gomez, J Kosmina) BLACKTOWN 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 861.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (M Soper) NEWCASTLE 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3877.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRUNSWICK 2 (A Zinni, S Patterson) ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (T Brown) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3227.

PRESTON 2 (G Cole 2) drew with GREEN GULLY 2 (S Fraser, K Theosopoulos) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

SUNSHINE 1 (S Richardson) drew with FOOTSCRAY 1 (O Latif) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 3065.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (D McIntosh, J Biskic) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (B Druery) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 800.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (D Crainie) drew with ADELAIDE CITY 1 (C Villani) at Middle Park. Crowd: 3000.

HEIDELBERG 6 (P Wilson 3, D Brown 2, C Lucchesi) BRISBANE CITY at Spencer Park. Crowd: 888.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	7	8	—	28	14	22
Sydney Croatia	9	3	3	26	11	21
Marconi	7	5	3	26	15	19
Wollongong	6	5	4	17	12	17
Blacktown City	6	4	5	19	23	16
Sydney City	4	7	4	28	21	15
Newcastle	4	6	5	21	23	14
Leichhardt	4	6	5	15	18	14
St George	5	4	6	18	24	14
Canberra	3	5	6	14	17	11
Canterbury	2	5	7	15	26	9
Monaro	1	4	10	9	32	6

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	10	3	2	23	17	23
Brunswick	9	4	2	26	8	22
Adelaide City	7	6	2	24	12	20
H'berg	7	5	3	26	17	19
South Melbourne	6	4	5	20	14	16
S'Shine	4	8	3	16	14	16
Preston	4	7	4	16	13	15
Adelaide Hellas	5	2	8	14	20	12
Brisbane Lions	3	4	8	15	19	10
Brisbane City	2	5	8	14	36	9
Melbourne Croatia	3	4	8	13	24	10
Green Gully	2	4	9	11	24	8

TNT SKYPAK
THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Polonia v Melita Eagles	0-2	2-2	1-1
Rockdale Linden v Uruguayan Auburn	0-0	0-6	2-2
Sutherland v Manly Warringah	0-1	1-0	2-2
Avala v Wollongong Mac	1-1	2-0	1-0
Ku-ring-gai v Fairy Meadow	2-1	2-1	5-0
Warringah F/W v Penrith City	0-1	0-0	0-3

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Blacktown Utd v Canterbury & Dist	1-0	6-0	5-2
Dee Why v Kingsford Hellenic	1-0	2-0	1-1
Queens Park v Gladesville Hornsby	0-1	1-1	2-2
Nth Bankstown v Artarmon	2-0	1-1	Artarmon
Bathurst '75 v Bankstown Lebanon	1-0	3-0	12-1
SSC Yugal v Campbelltown City	2-1	1-1	0-3

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Granville Chile v Campbelltown Gun	1-0	0-0	4-1
Moorebank v Mt Druitt Town	0-1	3-1	3-0
West United v King Tomislav			0-1
Rooty Hill v Port Hacking	3-0	2-1	1-2
Bondi Marine v Nth Ryde RSL	3-2	0-1	1-0
Baulkham Hills v Uni of NSW	3-1	3-0	6-1

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Fairfield Kiev v Spanish Club	1-4	0-2
Nineveh Eagles v Chelsea	0-3	0-2
CSI Schofields v Eastwood S/A	1-2	0-7
Concordia v Padstow Park	1-1	1-1

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Pagewood v Chile Sports	6-1
Green Valley v Maroubra Utd	3-1
Trasandinos v Macquarie Uni	3-0
Hurstville v Liverpool City	5-0
Rosebery v Hawkesbury Dist	1-2
Wentworth v Dulwich Hill	1-1
	0-11

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Greenland v Concord Juniors	3-2	3-3
Welcome Sports v Sydney Maccabi	2-1	2-2
Robins v Lansvale	1-3	0-1
Rangers Hadjuk v Colo Colo	0-0	1-0
Haberfield B/S v Chullora	5-0	4-3
Petersham v Blacktown Wand	2-2	4-2

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Lud Croatia v Argentinian	0-1	1-3
Murray Farm v Columbian	0-0	5-2
Macedonia Yag v Crescent Star	1-1	7-2
Castle Hill v Abruzzi	2-4	2-2
Cyprus United v Jedinstro Utd	10-3	6-0

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Cobreloa v Hellas Poseidon	3-1	6-2
Calabria v Nth Rocks	2-2	0-0
Orange Waratah v Santiago Wand	5-2	S/W for

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

NORTHERN DIVISION

P W D L F A Pts

AIS	15	13	1	1	72	9	27
Blacktown	17	10	4	3	39	31	24
St George	17	10	3	4	47	24	23
Sydney City	15	10	2	3	35	14	22
Canberra	15	9	2	4	35	25	20
Marconi	16	9	1	6	31	23	19
Leichhardt	16	7	3	6	32	23	17
Sydney Olympic	16	6	4	6	26	31	16
Wollongong	16	4	2	10	21	44	10
Newcastle	16	3	2	11	15	34	

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

SOUTH QUEENSLAND WOMENS
SOCCER ASSOCIATION
DIVISION 1
POINTS TABLE AS AT 6.7.86

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coaststars	12	8	2	2	26	11	18
Easts	12	9	1	2	26	5	19
Merton	12	3	3	6	14	23	9
Riverside	12	2	3	7	10	14	7
Grange	12	3	1	8	11	31	7
U17 Rep	12	5	2	5	13	15	12

DIVISION 2
POINTS TABLE AS AT 22.6.1986

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	9	8	1	0	38	4	17
U15 Rep	10	8	1	1	31	7	17
Redlands	10	5	2	3	16	5	12
Qld Uni.	10	5	2	3	18	9	12
Coalstar	9	4	1	4	7	29	9
Salisbury	10	1	3	5	22	5	5
Inala	10	1	1	8	5	20	3

RESULTS

UNDER 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NSW	6	5	1	0	18	2	11
Nth NSW	6	4	1	1	14	4	11
Sth Qld	6	3	2	1	7	2	8
Nth NSW	6	2	1	3	6	5	5
Tasmania	6	0	0	6	12	3	0

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UNDER 17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NSW	6	4	1	1	17	3	11
Nth NSW	6	4	1	1	14	4	11
Sth Qld	6	4	1	1	11	6	11
WA	6	3	2	1	4	6	8
Tasmania	6	2	2	2	4	5	7
SNT	6	2	0	4	5	12	4
ACT	6	0	2	4	11	0	2
Victoria	6	0	2	4	2	12	2

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Five years continuous participation in National Championships.
Raeanne Dower Sth Qld. Commenced in 1982. Melinda Marty Victoria. Sue Meek Northern NSW.

TOP GOAL SCORERS UNDER 15

Natalie Phillips NSW 5, Rebecca Scott NSW 4, Katrina Boyd NSW 3, Deborah Hyde NSW 3, Kim Ketter SQ 2, Nadine Collister NSW 2, Kelly Job N/NW 2, Alison Harris N/NW 2, Joanne Wainland N/NW 1, Tracy Sinclair N/NW 1, Marietta Scheyka SQ 1, Stephanie Grierson NSW 1, Jodie Jarman SQ 1, Anne Louise Edwards SQ 1, Yasminh Stafford SQ 1, Tracey Caulfield Tas 1.

UNDER 17

*Deanie Pentecost NSW 6, Sue Meek N/NW 6, Samantha O'Brien SQ 4, Kristine James NSW 4, Kerry Rowe SQ 4, Joanne Rooney WA 3, Katrina Barsby N/NW 3, Jordie Blank NSW 3, L. Freeman N/NW 2, Nicole Green NT 2, Tanya Dyer NT 2, Karin Wilkinson N/NW 2, Katrina Alexander NSW 2, Vange Bourbaris (NT), Alex Focken (ACT), Louise Pringle (Tas), Leanne Priest (Tas), Sharon Triffett (Tas), Sharon Clayton (SQ), Tanya Patterson (Tas), Charity James (Vic), Tina Raftopoulos (NSW), Antonella Trofino (WA), Simone Poole (N/NW), Cheryl Barsby (SQ) 1 each.
*hat-trick.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD

MET NORTH

GIRLS

ROUND 1

Wyong 3 Umina 3, Hornsby 0 Galston 5, Cheltenham 1 Pennant Hills 2, Killara 1 Asquith 2, Macarthur 3 Marsden 1, Riverside 0 Malvina 5, Concord 0 Davidson 9, Beacon Hill 2, Turramurra 3 Manly 4, The Forest 3 Hunter Hill 11.

ROUND 2

Umina 2 Gosford 0, Galston 1 Pennant Hills 2, Asquith 0 Carlingford 0, Macarthur 4 Malvina 1, Manly 3 Hunter Hill 1.

ROUND 3

The Entrance 1 Umina 2, Pennant Hill 2 Carlingford 1, Macarthur 3* Davidson 3.

ROUND 4

Umina 0 Pennant Hill 5.



Action in the Victorian (light shirts) v Northern Territory game.



A solid Victorian goalkick.



The Victorian goalkeeper smothers as Northern Territory prepares to come a cropper. NT won the game 2-0.

TAIWAN – WILL AUSTRALIA COMPETE IN 1987?

AUSTRALIA will have to consider whether it will enter the scheduled World Women's Invitational tournament.

It is proposed to hold the series in Chinese Taipei in 1987.

Much more likely is the visit of an Australian Youth squad to New Zealand next March or April.

Hopes are held that the FIFA Women's World Cup will get under way in 1988.

Meanwhile on the South Queensland front the semi-finals for all divisions have been set

down for Aug 3.

The 'Player of the Year' night will be on August 6, followed by the preliminary finals in

all divisions on August 10 and the grand finals on August 17.

JAMES HARDIE CANBERRA CITY GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOLS CUP FINAL GOES TO HUGHES

HUGHES Primary Girls' School defeated Melba in the "James Hardie-Canberra City" Primary Schools Cup at the Bruce Stadium last Sunday.

After the two teams were locked in at 1 all at fulltime, the Cup Final had to be decided on penalties.

Hughes ran out the winners by winning the penalty shoot-out 3-1.

The Cup was presented to Hughes by former Australian World Cup captain, Johnny Warren.

Officials told ASW after the match that the Competition was highly successful.



Victorians Melinda Marty (6), Rachel Tolan (12) and Becky Tolan (8) line up to cover a booming Northern Territory drive.

Wide World of Football



GREAT SOCCER STARS

This week:

FRANZ BECKENBAUER
(West Germany, Bayern
Munich, New York Cosmos)

FRANZ BECKENBAUER, known the world over as 'Kaiser Franz'. He was a footballing prototype. A unique footballer in the world of many a liberated sweeper and/or attacking centre-halfs.

He wasn't the first nor was he the last but one thing is for certain no other player is comparable to him.

Beckenbauer at his best was a footballer apart, especially in the early 1970's, and particularly when leading West Germany to the 1974 World Cup win over Holland.

Most so-called experts regarded it as a waste to play him so far back in defence, but anyone who stood by that theory forgets Beckenbauer's footballing brain. He was not only agile in foot but also where it really counts, upstairs.

His ability to read a game and to think ahead meant that he could organise the game from the back as he pleased.

The natural leader in him was borne out when as in a game of chess, all the pieces were out there in front of him. That is why he rarely tackled. Nearly always a simple interception sufficed, and indeed simple it looked when Beckenbauer did it.

His skills and talents were plentiful. His passing with both feet was perfect. There hasn't been many players able to come out of defence with the killing burst up-field that he managed

time and again for club and country.

As a schoolboy he played as an out and out centre-forward capable of umpteen goals in a season.

He made his Bundesliga debut for Bayern after coming through their youth side in 1964 as an outside-left.

At 19 he was in the West Germany squad for the 1966 World Cup Finals in England, having drifted back into midfield to give his remarkable creative abilities full reign.

The Germans made the final and faced England and the coach Helmut Schoen, made one of his most controversial decisions. Beckenbauer was given the task of marking Bobby Charlton, England's biggest threat, out of the match. A double-edge move, because it also robbed his side of their most inventive player's flair.

Eventually, after so much time in midfield, Beckenbauer got the job he wanted. He began sweeping, and gradually the face of West German football changed.

Then was the revolution in German football and by 1970 the West German's possessed one of their best ever sides.

They reached the semi-finals and met Italy in one of the most memorable World Cup matches of all time. It went into extra-time and the Azzurri got up 4-3 with Beckenbauer playing much of the match with his arm in a sling after dislocating his shoulder.

Beckenbauer's biggest moment came in his native Munich in 1974 when he took the World Cup on behalf of the German national side that had given Holland a goal start in the first minute of the final.

The two big names of the finals had to be Beckenbauer and his Dutch counterpart, Johan Cruyff whom Beckenbauer marked in the match.

A few years on and the Cosmos of New York needed a big name to replace the retiring Pele and maintain the North American Soccer boom.

Cosmos went for Beckenbauer with such financial inducements that he had to give up the chance of playing in a fourth World Cup in Argentina, 1978.

Nobody could blame him. It was financial security for life. But it was back to midfield once in New York.

If Beckenbauer had to be summed up in one word, then that word would have to be elegance. It was with some sense of surprise that you realised that he had actually swe

through a game...

NEXT WEEK:
The one and
only —
PELE.



HERE's a photo for footballing connoisseurs taken during the 1974 World Cup final. Rival captains Johan Cruyff (left) and Franz Beckenbauer (right) compete for possession of the ball.

LEEDS manager Billy Bremner has given up the chase for Aston Villa defender Gary Williams because the \$600,000 transfer fee is "too high."



SUVA footballer Mitieli Sima, who was gaoled last week for three months for punching a referee, has been banned for life by the Suva Soccer Association.



MORE MOVES IN ITALY

FORMER Italian international Giancarlo Antognoni has decided to stay with his long-time club Fiorentina.

After all the troubles the talented midfielder has had, he finally made his intentions clear in front of an eager band of Florentine journalists last week.

Antognoni's career of late has been hampered by all sorts of hassles. Personal, club, legal and health problems have been with him all through the last four or so years.

It seems though that the 32-year-old 'artist' will make his third big comeback, the other two following shocking injuries.

Antognoni has played 14 years in the violet shirt of Fiorentina and even though he hadn't been back for long he tried valiantly but vainly to make the Italian squad for the Mexican World Cup.

Brazilian ace Junior has joined Argentinian champion Diego Maradona in the sky blue of Napoli.

There had been much conjecture over who would be the other fore-

igner in the Neopolitan side and the 32-year-old Brazilian ended it all when he moved from Torino.

Former Italian international Sandro Mazzola has finally parted with the club he managed last season, Genoa.

The club were relegated from Serie A this season and there had been many problems be-

tween Mazzola and the Genoa committee, so this week the manager handed in his resignation and made official his 'divorce' with the club.

Aldo Serena has signed for one more year with Juventus even though it seemed quite likely he would join Inter-Milan. For now though Serena is contracted until 1987 with the champions.

WHEN DO I PLAY?

THE title of this story says it all, when does GRAHAM ROBERTS play if he is always suspended?

Take a look at the disciplinary record of the Tottenham Hotspur hard man. He has missed over half a season through suspension in the last five years!

During May Roberts was banned for two games and fined \$200 for totalling 41 points in season 1985-86 and that meant that the former England player had been suspended for 23 matches since 1980-81.

Roberts has now served 13 suspensions and has twice topped the 'magical' 41 points in a season.

DIFFERENT SPORT SAME RESULT!

URUGUAY were tagged as the roughest team in the Mexican World Cup, of this there is little doubt.

Some went to the extent of labelling them as 'dirty, thugs and animals' — strong stuff indeed.

No different it seems to the way they were looked upon during the World Basketball Championships in Spain.

After the game

against Australia they were tagged by Aussie coach Dr Adrian Hurley as "the dirtiest team in the world".

One report said that they repeatedly spat at the Boomers as they shot the ball; eye-gouged and faked injury to prevent the opposition continuing an

attack. And that wasn't it, the coup de grace — 'Fit for a starring role at Universal Studios... if it was Hollywood, Uruguay would be celebrating an Academy Award and Australia wondering how they forgot their lines.'

Seems little difference, no matter what sport.

ARSENAL's Eire central defender, David O'Leary, is to have talks today about a possible long-term contract at the club.

O'Leary at the moment is contracted for one season only but says he wants to stay longer.

GEORGE McCluskey, the former Celtic striker who cost Leeds \$290,000 three years ago, has been given a free transfer. So far no one has signed him but Dundee United might as they showed some interest in him last season.

GLASGOW Rangers will re-unite the Sunderland striking partnership of Colin West and Ally McCoist. Newly installed manager at Ibrox — Graeme Souness has agreed on a \$400,000 fee for West to move from Watford.

ALDO SERENA

FOUR LEVEL ON TOP IN CHILE

AFTER two rounds in the Chilean Championship four teams are level on top with three points each.

Those sides are Colo Colo, Universidad Católica, Fernández Vial and Deportes Concepción.

The most popular Chilean club being Colo Colo grabbed one point on the weekend when they visited Quillota to play San Luis and ended goalless.

Universidad had a good 2-1 win over Cobreloa and F. Vial drew 2-2 with Rangers.

Deportes Concepción beat bottom placed Huachipato 3-2 whilst the other results were;

Naval 1 Cobresal 1; Universidad de Chile 1; Deportes San Felipe 0; Palestino 1 Everton 1; Deportes Iquique 3 Audax Italiano 2; Magallanes 3 Unión Española 2.

Meanwhile in transfer news, Jorge Aravena has returned to Chilean club football for Católica from Spanish club Real Valladolid.



JORGE ARAVENA, left Spain to return to his native Chile and Universidad Católica.

BATTLE ROYAL

LIVERPOOL and Aberdeen prepared themselves for a battle with the likes of Inter Milan, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich in order to get hold of the signature of IFK Gothenburg and Swedish striker JOHN EKSTROM.

It seems now though that all those clubs have missed out. Bayern may be the most likely club although even they don't seem confident now.

The 21-year-old Swede international scored the goal which knocked Aberdeen out of last year's European Cup and the Dons boss ALEX FERGUSON wanted to take him to Pittodrie.

VETERAN KEEPS ON KEEPING ON

WEST GERMAN aces FC Cologne have signed Denmark's captain Morten Olsen, one of the outstanding players in the World Cup.

Olsen, 37, signed a one-year contract with the first division club. Olsen, who previously played for Belgian club Anderlecht, will make the move without a transfer fee.

His new contract ex-

pires at the end of June, 1987.

He had said he wanted to give up football at the end of this season and return to his old profession as a pharmacist.

approximately 290kmh! Some 40kmh more than last year.

The fastest shot timed was that of Brazilian ace, Eder, some 160kmh.

As a matter of interest, Becker used to play Soccer extensively and had to choose between the big or small ball. In the end he went for tennis but imagine some of his shots or moreover his throw-ins in our code!

UEFA have relented on their ban of AS Roma.

The Italian Cup winners will be allowed to compete in this season's European Cup Winners' Cup but their ex-president Dino Viola will still serve his five year suspension.

BOOM!
BOOM!

YOU reckon some of the shooting in football is hard?

Well listen to some of the stats taken from Wimbledon after Boris Becker let loose with some of his booming serves ... one of his slammers was timed at

PENAROL BEATEN

IN Uruguay the World Cup side has dispersed and most of the players are now involved in qualification for the Copa Libertadores de América.

Last weekend top Uruguayan club Penarol were trounced by fellow Uruguayan outfit Wanderers 3-1 in Group 1.

World Cup player Pablo Bengochea laid on the pass for Enrique Baez to open the scoring in the 15th minute for Wanderers.

Wanderers held their lead until half-time then only 15 seconds into the second term Daniel Pelletti grabbed the second.

At the 54th minute mark Jose Perdomo was given his marching orders from the referee for rough play.

But his side were not beaten by going down to 10 men. Diego Aguirre pulled a goal back for the Uruguayan champions Penarol.

But their comeback was short-lived as Wanderers went 3-1 up through Claudio Pino, Pelletti's substitute.

In Buenos Aires, River Plate and Boca Juniors drew their first match 1-1.

Meanwhile in the home of the World Cup — Argentina the Championship also kicked off in emotional fashion.

River Plate and Racing Club opened the festivities with a 1-1 draw whilst Newell's Old Boys went straight to the top with a 3-2 win over Boca Juniors.

Following the nation's spectacular Mexican triumph the crowds were of immense proportions for the first round matches.

In the latest match River Plate beat Wanderers 2-0.

BATTLE AT THE VILLA!

ASTON VILLA strikers Gary Shaw and Simon Stainford have been putting themselves through a rigorous summer training ritual to see who can get the hop on the other for a regular place next season.

As Villa scrambled at the end of last season to avoid relegation, both showed real determination to come out on top.

Villa forked out \$400,000 to sign Stainford from Sheffield Wednesday last September because they realised that Shaw would need more time to re-

cover from the serious knee injury which forced him to undergo four operations and at one time threatened the end of his career.

Alongside Andy Gray, Stainford became the club's top scorer but former England Under 21 international Shaw has given the message

that he wants a place in the club's starting line-up next year.

"I'm planning next season as the one when I show people that Gary Shaw is back, completely fit and as sharp as ever," he says. "I would like to think that I'll be playing regularly in the first team."

Shaw's future has been the subject of speculation. He was linked at one time with Southampton. But manager Graham Turner insists: "We have been patient with Gary for this long, we can afford to wait another month or two to get him at his very best again."

WORLD FLASHBACK MAGIC

Date: May 1968
Place: Wembley Stadium (England)
Match: European Cup Final:
Man.United (Eng) v Benfica (Ptgl)

BRITISH football has known few more emotional occasions. The night Manchester United won the 1968 European Cup Final for manager Matt Busby was something to behold.

Twelve years on from the disaster in Munich when the great Manchester United side was decimated in a plane crash the European Cup that was for so long anticipated finally arrived at Old Trafford.

It mattered not to the players that they won it for the first time for England. It seemed to matter even less that they won it for themselves. No, it was the realisation of a dream Busby had cherished from the day the Football League tried to stop Manchester United competing back in 1956.

The League had banned Chelsea from taking part in the inaugural tournament in 1955 on the grounds that participation would congest and disrupt fixture lists; and injuries could mean having to field weaker sides in the League matches.

Busby had to insist that United had at least 18 players capable of holding down a First Division place before the League acceded to United's go-it-alone threat and gave grud-

ging, formal permission. At their first attempt the Red Devil's were only stopped in the semi-finals by the then remarkable Real Madrid outfit.

Then came the disaster that took the lives of the majority of the Busby Babes, the team that looked certain to take over Real's role as Europe's best side.

For 10 long years Busby toiled until at last there was only Benfica of Portugal standing between United and the much sought after trophy.

The '68 final, by UEFA choice, was played at Wembley. United were red hot favourites, playing in their backyard with 100,000 fervent English supporters behind them. United seemed impossible to be beaten, but they came close to being downed.

The tension was almighty. The players showed they were feeling the pinch and the pressure as they stumbled through the first half.

But Busby gave them the message at the

break: "Keep on trying to play football."

Left-winger John Aston was having a tremendous match, outshining even George Best and Bobby Charlton. His hard work was being wasted by his team-mates until Charlton headed United into the lead just after the break.

Surely United looked safe, surely the one goal was all they needed. With the large Wembley crowd willing them on, they battled strongly.

Still United were not at their best, but slowly they were getting it together.

Then with the match seemingly Manchester's, with only nine minutes remaining, Graca forced an equaliser for the Portuguese champions.

United were stunned. Not an overly experienced side, they could not understand how after dominating for the majority of the match they were still level. Their loss of confidence was shown a few minutes later as the great Eusebio, nicknamed the 'Black Panther' forced a miraculous save out of United 'keeper Alex Stepney. Somehow the Reds survived for a period of extra time.

Busby got a grip of his men and said: "You're throwing the game away with careless passing, you must start to hold the ball and play again."

Not the entire side got the message but suddenly the mercurial and still very young George Best was evading one opponent and taking the ball around Henrique, the Benfica goalkeeper, before rolling it calmly into the net. That was just the spur United needed.

With an emotion charged atmosphere, Brian Kidd celebrated his 19th birthday by getting the third and Bobby Charlton, captain in the absence of the injured Denis Law, was the appropriate scorer of the fourth and final goal.

Only two players in the side were survivors from the Busby Babes era: centre-half Bill Foulkes, who had ignored Busby's 'stay back' instructions to dash upfield and score the winner in the semi-final against Real Madrid and the skipper Charlton. Both men tried to persuade Matt Busby that he should precede them up the 39 steps at Wembley to receive the trophy, but the manager would have none of it, telling the players it was their day.

Busby was probably the only person on that day that saw it that way.

NEXT WEEK:
The mighty Real Madrid destroy Eintracht Frankfurt.



GEORGE BEST of Manchester United whizzes past the last Benfica defender on his way to scoring his side's second goal in the 1968 European Cup Final.

ARE HOLLAND STILL ASKING TOO MUCH?

IT has been a case of back to square one for the Dutch on many an occasion since the 1978 World Cup finals.

The ghost of Rinus Michel's 'total football' is still frightening Dutch internationals into mediocrity, some 12 years after it had come to fruition back in the 1974 World Cup finals.

Perhaps the concept of 'total football' was misconceived; West Germany's manager and former captain Franz Beckenbauer described it as, "owing more to the element of surprise than any magic formula".

He continued: "I think the Dutch got away with it for so long because the opposition could not work out what tactics they were facing. It never dawned on them, until it was too late, there were no tactics — just brilliant players with a ball."

And so, when those 'brilliant players' ceased to exist, so did 'total football'. The same fate may beset the now brilliant Danish national side.

Holland have not qualified for a major finals tournament since their second place to host nation, Argentina in the 1978 World Cup, missing out on the 1980 and 1984 European Championships, the 1982 and 1986 World Cups along with failing miserably in the Gold Cup held in Uruguay in 1981.

Not the credentials of a nation that boasted the talents prior to then of Johan Cruyff, Robbie Rensenbrink, Johny Rep, Rudi Krol, Johan Neeskens, William van Hanegem and the like.

The successes of Dutch football began with two men: Rinus Michels, manager of the then national side during the halcyon days of the early seventies, and Johan Cruyff, his protege, and arguably the greatest European footballer of his time.

In 1966, Holland stood as one of the European continent's weaker nations, their domestic sides as something of a small joke. Then, on December 7, the mighty Liverpool of England travelled to Ajax for a European Cup second-round tie and were promptly hammered 5-1. Ajax then sent the Reds out with a 2-2 draw at Anfield and made it to the quarter-finals only to be knocked out by Dukla Prague ... but the message was clear, the Dutch were on their way.

In 1969 Ajax made the final of the same

competition only to be spanked 4-1 by the champion AC Milan side. But the next year saw the start of a Dutch domination of the European Cup which lasted four seasons.

Ironically, it was Feyenoord who stole the limelight from Ajax, beating Celtic 2-1 in 1970.

The Mexican World Cup kicked off three months later for which Holland hadn't qualified, nor did they make the 1972 European Championships, but Ajax upheld national pride with three successive European Cup triumphs.

Panathinaikos at Wembley, Inter-Milan and Juventus were their victims. The year they beat Juventus (1973), they completed the treble with a freak goal from Johny Rep in the eighth minute.

A few months later, Barcelona paid \$1,850,000 for Cruyff to unite once again with his former mentor Rinus Michel.

The crack Ajax team fell apart and, in 1974, they were knocked out of the competition they had made their own by CSKA Sofia in the second round.

1974 was also the year of 'total football'. Holland qualified for the final stages of the World Cup, the first time since 1938 — and, after a stuttering start to their initial group, went on to delight audiences with displays of vitality, urgency and skill.

The players are now legendary: Cruyff, the star of the tournament, Rep, Neeskens, Krol, and Rensenbrink. They annihilated Argentina 4-0, East Germany 2-0 and then Brazil 2-0, to face in the final their West German hosts.

The Dutch were seen as favourites and when they converted a penalty, won by Cruyff, in the first minute, it looked as if they would fulfil expectations.

But inexplicably they let it slip, beaten 2-1 by the Germans who equalled the Dutch in every department. Bertie Vogts and Franz Beckenbauer shared the duties on Cruyff whilst Gerd Muller did more than only nail the winner.

For all its worth, 'total football' failed on the day. It also failed again, two years later, when Holland were pushed into third place in the European Champion-

ship by the resolute eventual winners Czechoslovakia.

By the time the 1978 World Cup had arrived, Cruyff had announced his retirement from international football. But the Dutch still had a sound blend of old hands, such as Neeskens, Rep and Rensenbrink, and newcomers



such as Naanina and the van der Kerkhof brothers.

Conditions seemed similar to those of four years previous. Again they started badly — qualifying for the last eight only by virtue of a greater goal-difference than Scotland — but once again they shined where it counted, in the later stages, dismissing

Austria 5-1, the classy Italian side 2-1 and drawing with their nemesis West Germany 2-2.

Yet again they were defeated in the final, this time by the Argentinians, who with a display of real sportsmanship had the elegant Dutchmen rattled even before the kick-off.



The match was lost 3-1 in extra-time and Holland were runners-up for the second successive time.

If Cruyff had played it could have made all the difference, but there were no ifs or buts in the World Cup.

By the 1982 qualifiers, the Dutch team was almost unrecognisable. Sure, Krol remained faithful, and the van der Kerkhof's were there, but the new wave including Simon Tahamata could not measure up and were not substitutes for Cruyff and Co.

They were beaten by France, Belgium and Eire, finished fourth in their group, and did not make the subsequent trip to Spain.

For the 1986 tournament they finished second in European Group 5, making a play-off with old adversaries Belgium via a last ditch effort from De Wit in the final match against Group winners Hungary.

But it was not to be as the Belgians came back from a 2-0 deficit in the second-leg to snatch a late goal and send Holland packing. A late flagging in concentration proved the downfall of the Dutch side. Past glories count for nothing.

Dutch football continues to face a dilemma. Cruyff's success on the Dutch club scene as a manager shows that there are signs of a comeback. But, if fans will accept nothing less than 'total football', Holland could well remain stuck on square one. In 150 years nothing has changed; still asking too much of too little. The Flying Dutchmen of 1974 seem a long way off now.

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HOLLAND line up before the 1978 match against Italy which they won 2-1 to enter the World Cup final against Argentina.